

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President, Merri Sevey, at 6:04 p.m.

The attendees were: Cheryl Rife, Judy Meyerhofer, Lara Walters, Jeff Beals, Peg Dittmar, Tammy Trebian, Kristen Patterson, Pastor Mike Nesbit, Rose Noble, Kathy Wand, Helen Kilgore, Shellie Callan, Tiffany Patterson, Lisa Walters, Joan Kloss, and Merri Sevey.

The Secretary's report was approved by Tammy, seconded by Cheryl. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report stated \$5,514.15 in the account. This was approved by Judy, seconded by Peg. Motion carried.

Scarecrow Festival reported the winners of the scarecrow contest. E-Town took 1<sup>st</sup> place, IB&T took 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Hairspray Salon & Boutique took 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Karberg family won for the residential contest. Everyone did a really good job with decorating them this year. A big "thank you" goes out to Pastor Mike Nesbit for being the judge of the scarecrows.

Veteran's Day will be November 11, at 12:00 p.m. at the Village Municipality Building. Coffee and donuts will be served between 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. There is a need for donuts, so they will be checking into that.

Christmas Garland can be purchased through Hospice in Stockton and Country Peddler in Savanna. Hospice does not delivery, however, but Country Peddler will deliver. An email will be sent out with more information and order forms.

Christmas in the Village had a meeting, directly before the Chamber meeting. The event will be Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. There was discussion of having the same things as last year, such as the "soup ladies," baked goods for sale, the Elizabeth Library reading time, the Santa Dash, decorating of graham cracker houses, music, free hot chocolate and cookies, the fort tour, and Santa visiting at the train depot. There was discussion of additional crafts for the kids and an elf contest, which would be held each day between Shop Small Saturday and Christmas in the Village. Watch for advertising for all these activities. The tree decoration contest will be held again this year, with the proceeds going to the Free Church Community group. **The trees set-up, and cleaning Bishops, will be Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

\*\*An additional piece of information that I received is that the Community Christmas Concert will be held December 2, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran church.

Corn Stalks will be taken down, as the weather has shredded them and they don't look very good anymore.

GGMI said they are providing bags of items for businesses, who are participating in the Shop Small event. A Chicago Tribune ad, their blog, and social media will all have advertisements giving information for this event. They are setting up their "guide" for the 2019 dates of events, so they would like events submitted soon. They are also creating a list of "pet-friendly" places for tourists to take advantage of. Please let them know if your establishment is "pet-friendly."

Shop Small was discussed earlier, list above. The main discussion at this time was about the "elf" activity that is being planned. There will be information given out. The Shop Small advertising will be on Facebook and local papers.

Couples Weekend will have a separate meeting, but some initial ideas and thoughts were discussed.

Village of Elizabeth stated that Cajun Jacks black-topped their parking lot with some TIF \$. The Village will be applying for a water grant. They received the grant for the sewer. They received a grant for the engineering of the sidewalks. The sales tax revenue is up which is good, and means that the businesses have been busy.

Eco-Devo-Fair Board said that the new flooring is being installed at the community building. The day care post cards are about ready to mail out. After some discussion, Tammy made a motion for the Chamber to initially pay to mail the post cards out, and then the Chamber will bill the Village to be reimbursed. Lisa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elizabeth Food Basket has 130 gift jars to sell, as well as butter braids, and a Christmas wreath drawing. They are creating holiday gift bags to give to their clients.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

Trunk or Treat will be held Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. There will be free hot dogs and hot cocoa. The church will be open for people to go in and “warm up.”

Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Judy seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be **Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.** It is a week later due to Thanksgiving.