

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Merri Sevey, President, at 6:00 p.m.

The attendees for this meeting were: Shellie Callan, Peggy Francomb, Joe Ambrosia, Ed Amstutz, Tammy Trebian, Betsy Kaage, Cheryl Rife, Kathy Wand, Pastor Mike Nesbit, Judy Meyerhofer and Mike Dittmar.

The Secretary's report was approved by Judy Meyerhofer, seconded by Tammy Trebian. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report has \$14,642.40. This was approved by Tammy Trebian, seconded by Judy Meyerhofer. Motion carried.

Village of Elizabeth stated the new truck route has been approved. The budget is good. Cameras have been installed on Locust Street. The Village is applying for 3 grants. A new police car has been purchased.

Marketing is placing ads for Christmas in Elizabeth in the Galena Gazette, as well as Facebook and Chamber website calendar.

Tourism is planning Christmas in Elizabeth right now.

GEAR stated that Funky Munky wrestling went well. They are currently doing a Manny's pizza fundraiser. There is consideration to do a Salsa fundraiser at the next Garlic Festival. Club VB and girls BB is going on. They are looking into fixing some issues with the stage in the gym. GEAR is now not-for-profit. Josh Ries/Craig Ketelsen is considering training with school kids. The new weight room at the school may be open to the public, more information to come. Alumni Basketball will be January 2, 2016. The new scoreboard has been installed in the old high school gym. Activities are being considered for the Corkless Wine Festival in Galena next summer.

CVB said that Jeff Graack has been hired as the new Director of Sales and Marketing. They are working on a "Great River" booklet.

Festivals are working on Christmas in Elizabeth schedule of events. A large banner will be displayed outside of town for this event.

Visitors Guide Booklet information is being gathered. The booklet will feature Elizabeth, Hanover and Woodbine businesses.

Tax Exempt status is being worked on to become not-for-profit.

Christmas in Elizabeth is December 4 and 5. Please see chamber website for details of schedule of events.

Dollar General is partnering with the Chamber to have a toy drive. The toys will go to Tyler Justice Center.

Customer Service Seminar will be held at the Elizabeth Nursing Home, given by Merri Sevey.

IL New Liquor License laws will take place in 2017. More information will come on this topic.

USDA Grant needs information from businesses explaining why/how the new sidewalks have/will impact your business. Please email this information to Mike Dittmar. This information is due to Mike by December 8th.

Elizabeth Garage 100th Anniversary celebration will be Friday, Nov 20, 2015 from 1:00-8:00 p.m. Congratulations to you!!!!

There was discussion of possibly holding a Lego Building event/contest.

Tammy Trebian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ed Amstutz. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be December 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Municipal Building.