

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2016

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

The attendees for this meeting were: Shellie Callan, Peggy Francomb, Denise Anderson, Kristin Patterson, Jeff Graack, Pastor Mike Nesbit, Terry McGovern, Robert Dittmar, Lara Walters, Amy Curisne, Laszlo Marton, Brooke Bisler, Ed Amstutz, Tammy Trebian, Kathy Wand, Cheryl Rife, Anna Pintozzi, and Judy Meyerhofer.

The Secretary's report was approved by Judy, seconded by Ed. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report stated there currently is \$12,973.59 in the account. This was approved by Judy, seconded by Tammy. Motion carried.

Spring Fling went well. There was disappointment with the cancelling of the Petting Zoo, due to weather. We will make sure we have one scheduled for next year. The Fireman Roast/Dance went well, as well as the bounce houses being there instead of down by the train depot.

Hillinois went very well, for our first time hosting it. The bikers seem to have enjoyed it. Next year, we will ask the businesses to open earlier, as the bikers' families would have liked to do some shopping in the morning hours. There was discussion of offering food/drinks, etc. after the end of the day as well. More information will be included in the packets given to the bikers, such as menus, maps, business lists, etc.

Barnyard Run is being organized. Next year there may be something different offered in place of the color run.

Bingo will be held Saturday and Sunday during the fair this year. A volunteer schedule will be emailed out soon.

The parade is being organized. Ken and Sue Haas have been asked to be the grand marshals of the parade. We are looking for farms that fit the centennial and sesquicentennial category to be in the parade. Everyone is encouraged to have a float, walk, ride bikes, etc. in the parade if interested. Illinois Bank & Trust is sponsoring the parade, a big thank you to you. Contact Tammy Trebian if you are interested in participating in the parade. Phil Sullivan and Rob Bastian will be announcing.

Midwest Garlic Festival is being organized, and is in need of volunteers and/or sponsors. Please notify Shellie or Merri if you can help either day.

Music in the Park will be September 10th.

Light poles had no new information at this time.

DMO had no new information at this time.

Advertising sent out notices of the "prepaid" ad campaigns where you can pay for all events at once.

Village of Elizabeth is working with MSA on the roads, sidewalks, grants, etc.

GEAR will be helping with the Corkless Wine Festival in Galena, Saturday, June 25th. They are in need of volunteers for this event. Spring in my Step was down a little in number of participants this year, but it went well. Kate Miller will be meeting with the trail committee to see if they can continue to work on that project. Gear has been discussing either having a float, or walking in the parade, displaying their signs, shirts, etc.

ECO was not discussed at this time.

CVB has their new website created, and is live. They are getting "hits" from all over the country.

Team Jo Daviess Co Meetings said there will be an Apple Canyon Lake land auction, Saturday June 25th. They also are holding a color run, and music. Please see the ACL calendar of events for more information.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor Mike Nesbit said that Eon Jones, 815-761-5090 is willing to do various jobs for community service. If you are in need of help with anything, please contact Eon directly.

Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be Thursday, July 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Municipal Building.