

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President, Merri Sevey, at 6:01 p.m.

The attendees for this meeting were: Merri Sevey, Jordan Rijpma, Terry McGovern, Tammy Trebian, Peggy Francomb, Ed Amstutz, Lisa Walters, Patsy Schaible, Chris Hamilton, Kathryn Walker and Shellie Callan.

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

The Treasurer's report stated there is \$12,581.89 in the account, approved by Ed, seconded by Tammy. Motion carried.

Jordan Rijpma gave a presentation of Riverview Center. This service is "free" and "completely confidential." They are located in Galena. They help victims and survivors of domestic violence, bullying, child abuse prevention, sexual harassment, and are a medical advocacy. August 28th they are holding a golf outing at Woodbine Bend, and the proceeds go to Riverview Center. Please sign up for this golf outing and help raise money and awareness for this service.

Barnyard/Color Run did not go very well. They are planning something different to do next year.

Bingo/Parade went very well. We made \$273.50 for both days. After discussion, Tammy made a motion to give the fair board \$150 for their help. We will be doing it again, both days, next year. Brad Albrecht wants to "MC" the parade again next year. There was discussion to acknowledge a farmer every year.

Midwest Garlic Festival is being organized. They are in need of volunteers. Please let a Chamber board member know if you would like to help. There will be games for kids both days. We will check with the Village on the coinsurance.

Music in the Park will have "Lonely Goats" playing. There will be more discussion at the next meeting.

Light Poles-not discussed at this time.

Tax Exempt/Tax Issue- We received a letter of a 90-day wait notice. They are looking at something from 2014.

New Advertising Campaign currently has 16 businesses that have paid ahead.

Village of Elizabeth was not discussed at this time.

GEAR will have fall soccer sign-up at school registration. Lisa Haas talked about softball, and the possibility of teaming up with Scales Mound girls next year, or maybe starting their own team. There was discussion of paying people to umpire the softball/baseball games. Corkless Wine Festival went well. They sold 101 charms/\$1.00 each. There was discussion of Midwest Garlic Festival. GEAR will be selling water, Gatorade, and jars of different flavors of Salsa.

Elizabeth Fair went well, despite getting rained out for the Saturday night activities.

CVB has completed some new business videos, AAA magazine visited ACL and the Elizabeth Antique Mall. The Illinois office of Tourism for 2017 is ready. August starts the "site" visits of the towers.

Team Jo Daviess County talked about discussions with Galena restaurants about composting.

New Business-did not discuss anything at this time.

Open Forum-did not discuss anything at this time.

Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ed seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting is set for Thursday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m.