

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2017

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

The attendees for this meeting were: Cheryl Rife, Shellie Callan, Merri Sevey, Judy Meyerhofer, Lara Walters, Kathy Wand, Mike Dittmar, Joe Ambrosia, Pat Schaible, Lisa Walters, and Terry McGovern.

The Secretary's report was not approved, for lack of quorum.

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Member Presentation was not discussed.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Spring Fling will have the empty store fronts open house, fireman hog roast/dance with 3 bands, bounce houses, petting zoo, as last year.

2017 Visitor's Guide will meet this coming Monday night, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, to finalize everything, to go to print.

Empty Store Front Open House would like some ideas of names for this event. March 6<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting.

2017 Business Expo, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual, will be April 29<sup>th</sup>. Hanover and Stockton businesses are being asked to participate. Applications will be emailed out to Chamber members.

Display Booth for expos and events will now have a blue Chamber table cloth for its table, as well as some pull-up displays.

Brochure Racks survey will be emailed out to see how much interest there might be for the Chamber to furnish businesses with a rack for Elizabeth businesses to display in.

NW IL Ambassador, Merri Sevey, would like any ideas that you might have for her to list for "growing Illinois."

Village of Elizabeth said their overall budget is going well. The water budget is in a deficit, though, as well as the sewer budget. The BDD sales tax is at a 75% mark. There is only 1 house for sale, currently, in town, so more housing is needed. The Village and Northwest Academy have signed a new 3-year lease.

GEAR said the Alumni Day went well, but the numbers were down just a little. The Chili cook-off went well. Baseball, softball, and soccer sign-ups are currently going on. Donkey Basketball will be April 21. They are looking for people to participate. There was discussion of possibly purchasing a sound system for the old gym. There was some concern that the floor/ceiling may still be getting damaged from Jack in the Box, more research will be done on that.

Eco/Devo-Fair board will be sending out a survey to see if people would support a Pharmacy. They have installed new access doors on the community building, as well as constructing a new maintenance closet. They are also going to install new LED lights, and some new ceiling tiles. They will check with Jo Carroll Energy on a grant for the lights.

Food Basket was not discussed at this time.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Adopt-a-Pot will be planted around Mother's Day. They are a few pots short, but can't buy the same ones anymore.

Music in the Park discussed the possibility of having The Resistors as an opening act for Lexi Parr and The Ruby Blonde Band. The event would probably start earlier in the day to accommodate this.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Terry McGovern brought up to Joe Ambrosia, with Eco/Devo that someone was considering opening a "roast coffee" business in Galena, but Galena wasn't open to the idea, so maybe Elizabeth should approach them to see if they would want to have it here. Joe will contact them.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cheryl. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Municipal Building.