

## Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Merri Sevey, President, at 7:32 p.m.

The attendees for this meeting were: Dennis and Judy Meyerhofer, Pastor Mike Nesbitt, Shellie Callan, Andrea Young, Norma Schwartz, Mike and Janna Dittmar, Lisa Walters, Karen Murphy, Peggy Francomb, Mike Casper, Rick and Peg Dittmar, Trevor Sevey, Joe and Mary Ambrosia, Cory and Lara Walters, Cheryl Rife, Terry McGovern, Kathryn Walker, Helen Kilgore, Pat Tierney, Anna Pintozzi, and Lisa McCarthy.

The Secretary's report was approved by Helen, seconded by Anna. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report stated there is \$9,867.50 in the account. This was approved by Judy, seconded by Anna. Motion carried.

Member Presentation was not discussed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christmas in the Village will be moved back to the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of December. If Bishops sells, we will have to find a different place to hold this event. The Chamber sent a "thank you" and \$25.00 Chamber Bucks to the Bishop family for letting us use their building.

Schedule of Events for 2017 have been approved and will be printed and available to hand out.

2017 Visitors Guide is almost ready for print. The layout will be a little different from last year. They will be ready for distribution in early spring.

Post Cards/Rack Cards are being designed. There will be more discussion on these as they get closer to being done.

Business Education & Advocacy Committee was not discussed at this time.

Display Booth (banners/tablecloths) will be purchased to be used when the Chamber goes to events. There was discussion to have the Village help with the cost of them. One side of the tablecloth will display the Chamber, and the other side will display the Village, so it can be used for multiple purposes.

Brochure Racks are being considered. There will be a survey going out to see how much interest there might be in these. The Chamber would supply the racks, but they can only be used to display our town businesses in.

Business Expo, the Chamber will be hosting their 1<sup>st</sup> Business Expo April 29<sup>th</sup>. Any business is invited to have a booth "at no cost." The only thing the Chambers asks is that you have a \$10 giveaway gift. For more information, please contact Merri Sevey. Hanover and Stockton are being asked, as well, to participate.

Village of Elizabeth said that the sales tax collected for the 1<sup>st</sup> 8 months was just \$1,000 less than last year. The BDD tax will be close to \$3 million for 2016. The sidewalk grant did not get approved, but it can be applied for again in a couple years. The Locust Street Sewer grant is looking good. There was some discussion about the town "anniversary." If you would like to be on this committee, please speak with Mike Dittmar. The town budget is looking good. They are in the positive now.

GEAR said their Salsa Fundraiser went very well. This fundraiser replaced the Manny's pizza fundraiser. The Alumni Basketball day went well. They will be changing the date to the first Saturday of January next year. The Annual Chili Cook-off will be held at Jugs in February, the Sunday after the Super Bowl. Donkey Basketball will be April 20<sup>th</sup>. Jo Carroll donated \$50.00 and it will be used on the ball field. An Adult Volleyball league is being organized for Sunday nights. If you would like to play, please contact Alyssa Palmer, Mark Wachter, or Jeremy Knauer.

ECO-Devo/Fair Board showed a video that was created of our town. The video highlights where to eat, where to shop, things to do, etc. The Fair Board has refinished the floor on the small side of the community building. The ceiling tiles will be replaced. The Chamber presented the Fair Board with a check for \$500.00 for their help with the Garlic Festival.

The Elizabeth Food Basket has finished expanding their space in the old gym. February is National Canned Food Month and the Food Basket is partnering with the Dollar General. They will have a list of the most needed items at the Food Basket. You can purchase these items at the Dollar General, and they will, in turn, give it to the Food Basket.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

TCEDA spoke at the Annual Chamber Dinner Meeting and gave some very good information of what they do and what they offer. CTE Academy is hosting a job fair in March. HCC will host a job fair in April.

Helen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Anna. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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

Prior to the regular monthly meeting, the annual meeting was held.

An addendum during the annual meeting was:

Judy nominated Shellie Callan for re-election for Secretary, for 3 more years. Helen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Mike nominated Merri Sevey for re-election for President, for 3 more years. Cheryl 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.