

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2017

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

The attendees were: Shellie Callan, Judy Meyerhofer, Norma Schwirtz, Merri Sevey, Tammy Trebian, Lara Walters, Anna Pintozzi, Peggy Francomb, Kristen Patterson, Kathy Wand, and Cheryl Rife.

The Secretary's Report was approved by Lara, seconded by Judy. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report stated there is \$8,172.81 in the account, approved by Tammy, seconded by Judy. Motion carried.

Parade went well. Next year will be the 150th anniversary of Elizabeth, so we will be promoting this, and will try to get 1 ½ hours for the parade, instead of the usual 1 hour.

Bingo went very well. Sunday started out slow, but ended with bringing more money than Saturday. A big thank you goes out to all who helped with it, especially James Mensendike for setting it up each day for us. We made \$368.00, after pay-outs. Lara made a motion to give the fair board \$184.00, Judy 2nd. Motion carried.

Garlic Festival will be the next event, coming up August 12-13. We need volunteers to help sell 50/50 tickets, entry gate, and work the Chamber booth. There will be a kid area, face painting, Elizabeth dance group from 11:30-2. Sunday will be the poker run for the motorcycles. There will be VIP parking on the upper ball field for the motorcycles. There will be no miniature golf this time.

Music in the Park is being organized. The Elizabeth Food Basket will be selling Culvers ice cream, and the Derinda Lutheran Church will be selling food as well. If you would like to have a food booth, please email Merri Sevey. Alliance will be playing from 4-6, and then Lexi Parr and the Ruby Blonde Band will start at 7. Food vendors will be selling food throughout the whole event.

Tourism had a bee concern. During the parade, someone was stung and asked if it was due to the flowers in the pots on Main Street. Lara Walters looked at the pots and does not see a problem concerning bees. There are, however, some nests in the gates in the street, so the Village will be contacted about those.

Business Education was not discussed at this time.

Marketing said that it is time to pay ahead for the events for the next year. An email will be sent out so businesses can pay the total, \$20 for each event, or for whichever event they want to sponsor. The Galenian asked the Village if they would like to pay for a whole page for their Fall/Winter edition. Other towns have full page ads. The Village and PTO said they would share the cost for the page, as well. Lara made a motion to split the cost in 3rds with the Village and PTO. Tammy seconded the motion, motion carried. The DMO will be holding their open house July 26th from 9 – 5. Please contact the DMO for more information regarding the open house.

Membership Committee said that the Elks Club is having their Annual Slick and Easy Golf Tournament Benefit on August 19th. This will go towards Loran Ahmedi and Jenny Stoffregen. They are asking businesses to donate items for an Elizabeth Gift Basket. Please drop off your items to Lara at the Three Sisters Sweet Shoppe by August 9th.

Village of Elizabeth was not discussed at this time.

GEAR was not discussed at this time.

Fair Board was not discussed at this time.

Elizabeth Food Basket has served 52 families this month. They will need to buy a refrigerator and freezer pretty soon to accommodate all the food they have been receiving. They have a new phone number of 815-990-3128.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lara seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be Thursday, August 24th at 6:00 p.m.