

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2017

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

The attendees for this meeting were: Shellie Callan, Judy Meyerhofer, Merri Sevey, Robert Dittmar, Terry McGovern, Peggy Francomb, Kathy Wand, Lara Walters, Cheryl Rife, and Anna Marie Pintozzi.

The Secretary's report from last month's meeting was approved by Cheryl, seconded by Judy. Motion carried.

The Secretary's report this month was approved by Judy, seconded by Terr. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report from last month's meeting was approved by Judy, seconded by Cheryl. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was not given for this month.

Member Presentation was not discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ups & Downs will be May 6th. If you know a committee member for this event, please let them know that the website is not updated so people can register for the race.

Spring Fling will be June 3rd. There will be a petting zoo at the train depot. The fire department will be having their hog roast, open house, bounce houses, and 3 bands this year. There will also be an open house for the empty store fronts. There was discussion of having WCCI announce as they have in the past. We will need to find some sponsors to cover the cost of it. If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact Merri Sevey.

Music in the Park will be September 9th. We haven't reached the Resistors, yet, to ask them to participate, but will keep trying to contact them. Bob Dittmar, with Country Companies, has offered to sponsor this event for the next 5 years, of \$1500.00 per year. After discussion, Terry made a motion to have the Chamber pay up to \$300 for a banner with Country Companies, and Bob Dittmar printed on it as sponsors, Kathy seconded. Motion carried. We hope to gather donations to help with the event, as well as go toward the events being planned for the towns' upcoming anniversary. There was discussion to have more food vendors participate at this event. River Ridge Senior class would like to sell food. We would like to offer this to other non-profit groups as well. Please contact Merri if you have a group that would like to have a food stand.

2017 Visitors Guide is about ready to go to print. There is a meeting scheduled for Monday night, March 27th if you would like to attend. Please contact Merri.

Flower Pots will be set and flowers planted May 13th, at 10:00 a.m. Please meet at Three Sisters Sweet Shoppe if you can help. If you would like a pot, they are \$40.00. This cost goes toward the purchase of the flowers. New pots will have to be purchased next year.

Empty Store Fronts were discussed during Spring Fling discussion.

Business Expo will be April 29th. There are 36 spaces available, 10 X 10 sizes. 27 of the spots have been reserved. If you would like a spot, please fill out the application and return it to Merri as soon as possible.

Village of Elizabeth was not discussed at this time.

GEAR is looking into purchasing a sound system for the gym. There was discussion that the weights being dropped on the stage are still too much for the floor, even though it had been reinforced. Some GEAR members will be attending the next Village meeting to discuss this. There was discussion of giving a donation to the Elizabeth Fair Board for GEAR using the kitchen facilities for concessions during their ball games in the summer. Donkey Basketball is April 21st. They are still in need of participants. If you would like to ride a donkey, please contact Mark Wachter, Krista Fry, or Jeremy Knauer.

Eco/Devo was not discussed, other than the Chamber gave them a check of \$1500.00 to pay for the survey being sent out to see if the community would support a pharmacy. Eco\Devo will be paying this money back to the Chamber.

Elizabeth Food Basket was not discussed at this time.

OPEN FORUM

Peg Francomb spoke about scholarships that Jo Carroll Energy has and deadlines for these. She also spoke about a week long trip that they sponsor for Youth to Washington, D.C. If you know of anyone who would like to participate in this trip, please contact Merri or Peg Francomb.

Bob Dittmar made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peg. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be April 27th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Municipal Building.