

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2018

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

The attendees were: Shellie Callan, Judy Meyerhofer, Merri Sevey, Joe Ambrosia, Peggy Francomb, Lara Walters, Pastor Mike Nesbit, Lisa Walters, Kristen Patterson, Chris Hamilton, Rose Noble, Terry Whalen, Cheryl Rife, Helen Kilgore, and Anna Marie Pintozzi.

The Secretary's report was approved by Judy, seconded by Lisa. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report stated there is \$7,199.00 in the account, approved by Judy, seconded by Peg. Motion carried.

Informational Segment was presented by Joe Ambrosia, on retirement plans for small businesses. Joe spoke about various options for investing in retirement. He discussed various forms, such as Form 8881, SEP IRA, Solo 401K-Single K, Simple IRA, 401k Plan, and Payroll Deductible IRA. Give Joe a call if you would like more information on retirement.

2018 Sesquicentennial committee meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of every month, at 5:30 at the Village Municipal Board Room. After discussion from the first meeting, it has been decided that this event will be held the weekend of the Annual Elizabeth Fair, July 21-22. The CTE Academy Graphics Arts Class has agreed to have a contest of their students creating a "logo" to be used for this event. If you have ideas and would like to help with this event planning, please attend the next meeting February 21, or contact Mike Dittmar or Merri Sevey.

Schedule of Events for 2018 has a "tentative" calendar, but is still being created.

2018 Visitors Guide is coming along. The target date is to have these printed for the Business Expo, in March. If you would like to list your business in this Visitors Guide, please contact Terry Whalen, with Village Voices.

Rack Cards are being designed. Ideas are being requested of what you would like to see on these cards. There was discussion of using the winning "logo" on the card.

Annual Chamber Dinner Meeting will be held at Cajun Jacks, February 22. The cost for this dinner is \$25.00. If you would like to attend, please send your payment to Merri Sevey or Lisa Walters. There are 4 board member seats up for re-election, so if you would like to be on the Chamber Board, please submit your request to Merri Sevey.

Fiber Update stated that Elizabeth is broken up into 4 sections for the Fiber to be installed. Each section needs just a few more signatures in order to be installed. If you want to see Fiber come to Elizabeth, please go online and sign up.

Business Expo will be Saturday, March 24th. The booths are free, unless you would like to have a table and chairs supplied, and/or if you would like to have electricity at your booth. Please contact Merri Sevey if you would like a booth.

Membership Levels has been emailed out. Please send in your payment for whichever membership you prefer.

New Member has joined our Chamber, Country Peddler Flowers & Gifts of Savanna. Welcome to the Chamber.

2017 Finances was not discussed, other than the hand out that was given showing the budget for 2018. If you would like a copy of this, please let Merri know and she will get one to you.

Village of Elizabeth was not discussed at this time.

Eco-Devo/Fair Board stated that everything had been previously discussed throughout the meeting.

The Elizabeth Food Basket was not discussed at this time.

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Chris Hamilton stated that he will be leaving the area to take a different job. We wish him well on his new adventure. Rose Noble is the Marketing Director, and will be our contact until a new CEO is hired. She was at the meeting to introduce herself to everyone.

Judy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Anna. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be the Annual Dinner Meeting at Cajun Jacks, February 22, at 6:00 p.m.