

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2018

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

The attendees were: Shellie Callan, Cheryl Rife, Merri Sevey, Lisa Walters, Joe Ambrosia, Peggy Francomb, Judy Meyerhofer, Mary Katos, Anna Pintozzi, Erin Keyser, and Jeff Patterson.

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

The Treasurer's report stated there is \$10,945.13 in the account, approved by Judy, seconded by Peg. Motion carried.

Ups & Downs is May 5th. There are asking for homemade cookies. If you would like to make some cookies, please drop them off at Common Cents Resale, in town, on Thursday or Friday.

Spring Fling is being organized. There will be a petting zoo, and we will be contacting the Elizabeth Fire Department to see if they are having the bounce houses again, as well as their hog roast and band.

Flower Pots will be planted Saturday, May 12, starting at 9:00 a.m. if you would be able to help.

Farmers Market was given by Erin Keyser. She was asking what could be done to bring entertainment, activities, kids' games, crafts, yoga, and possible cooking demonstrations to the market to draw more people to attend. There was discussion of creating recipes that would use the "in season" foods being sold at the market. There was also discussion of asking local restaurants to have "prepared" food there to purchase, possibly alternate Fridays. Please contact Erin at driftlessnaturalhealth@gmail.com if you have any ideas that may help to draw more people to the markets.

Fiber Update stated that they are ahead of schedule on phase 1. They hope to have it running by May 1st.

Visitors Guide booklets are printed. You can pick some up at the Farm Bureau office in Elizabeth, or contact a Chamber member to deliver some to you.

Calendar of Events are printed. Please contact Merri at msevey@jocarroll.com if you would like some copies.

Business Expo has been cancelled for this year. If you paid to attend, you will be refunded. There was discussion of trying to have it next year, and maybe offer it as an "every other year" event.

Membership Dues still has members who have not paid. If you have not paid yet, please do so if you would like to continue your Chamber membership. Payments can be mailed to the Elizabeth Chamber, or dropped off to Lisa at Jugs.

Village of Elizabeth said they collected \$13.4 million in sales for 2017. The 150th committee had another meeting and is organizing the schedule of events. Please contact Mike Dittmar if you would like to help with this event. The winner for the 150th Logo created at CTE Academy was Zack Reed. Also, the Gathering of Elizabeths will be held the weekend of Garlic Fest. There will be a gathering Monday night, the 26th, at 5:00 p.m. for data entry of the Gathering of Elizabeths mailing information. If you would like to help, please go to the Municipal Building that evening.

Eco-Devo/Fair Board said they are reviewing their marketing plan. The Community building floor, in the large room, is getting a new floor. The Fair Board is looking for more food vendors for the fair. If you would like to sell food, or know of a group who would like to, please contact a Chamber member or a Fair Board member.

Elizabeth Food Basket has applied for 3 grants. They want to organize 2 more fundraisers, along with the wreath raffles.

OPEN FORUM

Business Employment Skills Team, Mary Katos, stated that they are looking for more business space, and would like to be in Elizabeth. If you have any office space to rent out, please contact Mary at 815-777-6177.

Judy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lisa seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be Thursday, April 26th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Municipal Building.