

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President, Merri Sevey, at 6:02 p.m.

The attendees were: Shellie Callan, Merri Sevey, Judy Meyerhofer, Norma Schwirtz, Peggy Francomb, Cheryl Rife, Pastor Mike Nesbit, Tammy Trebian, Annamarie Pintozzi, Kathy Wand, and Helen Kilgore.

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

The Treasurer's report stated there is \$9,746.27 in the account, approved by Judy, seconded by Peg. Motion carried.

150th Celebration went very well. The alumni reunion was a huge success. The fireworks were awesome. There were a lot of Elizabeth Terrapin t-shirts sold, as well as all the other merchandise.

Fair/Bingo had a very good weekend turnout. Bingo was busy both Saturday and Sunday. The total brought in was \$500.00. After discussion, Judy made a motion to pay \$250 of it to the fair board for their help. Tammy seconded. Motion carried. The parade was very well attended. Thank you Illinois Bank & Trust for sponsoring it.

Gathering of Elizabeths had a turnout of 40 Elizabeths. It was a good weekend for this event as well.

Garlic Fest had a very good turnout. The vendors had a wide variety of foods.

Scarecrow Festival will be the next event, coming up in October. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

Christmas in the Village will also be coming up shortly. If you have any ideas for this event, please let us know.

Flower Pots are looking good. Thanks for the rain that has helped water them. More pots may have to be purchased.

August 8th Bus Trip went very well for the retailers.

GGMI did not have anything tonight, except for the closing of Hwy 20, East of Woodbine. Kudos is going out for not keeping it closed for too long, shorter time frame than originally thought.

Street Scaping Meeting will be August 29th in Stockton. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Couples Retreat Weekend was not discussed at this time.

Village of Elizabeth was not discussed at this time.

Eco-Devo was not discussed at this time.

Elizabeth Food Basket stated they served 167 individuals. They are in need of canning jars and lids to use for a craft idea for Christmas in the Village, and would like them by Oct. 18th. They will also be selling butter braids.

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

The St. Paul Lutheran Church End of Summer Celebration went very well. There were approximately 130 attendees.

CTE Academy is holding an open house on Sept. 6th, from 3-6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

The Free Church Community meal will be Tuesday, August 28th from 11:00-1:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

There was open forum discussion for Bingo, with a suggestion of possibly lowering the cost of the games from .50 down to .25. It was discussed that possibly throughout the day, "discounted" games could take place at lower prices. The thought was that it might keep the children longer if they could pay less per game to play. There will be further discussion.

Tammy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Peg. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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