

Elizabeth Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President, Merri Sevey, at 7:30 p.m.

The attendees for this meeting were: Shellie Callan, Judy Meyerhofer, Peggy Francomb, Annamarie Pintozzi, Jodi Korte, Kristen Patterson, Tim Abel, Lisa Walters, Lara Walters, Sam Stoddard, Kate Brondyke, Shane Merchant, Jacky Jacobs, Helen Kilgore, Pat Schaible, Deb Wunsch, Trevor Sevey, Pam Wheelwright, Cheryl Rife, Jeff Beals, Katie Beals, Peg Dittmar, Mike Dittmar, Rose Noble, Fr. Dennis Morrissy, Joe Ambrosia, Pastor Mike Nesbit, and Robert Dittmar.

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

The Treasurer's report stated \$7,545.49 in the account. This was approved by Judy, seconded by Peg. Motion carried.

2020 Winter Event Option was discussed. There is quite a bit of time from Christmas in the Village to Spring Fling where no events happen. There will be discussions as to what event/activity can be held during the winter months.

NEW EVENT ANNOUNCED: The US Army Golden Knights would like to parachute into Elizabeth on Monday evening, July 1st. There would possibly be planes flying overhead, as well. This would take place on the upper ball diamond, at approximately 7:00 p.m. There was discussion of what else could be done that day to focus around it. The option of bounce houses, food/drink vendors, fireworks, and a band were all ideas being discussed. Kids would have the opportunity to help fold up the parachutes. Businesses need to sponsor this event. The community would need to reach a "specific" amount of sponsorship for them to come to Elizabeth. More discussions will be held, but the consensus of the meeting attendees was favorable to having this event.

Baseball for 2019, Elizabeth will host 3 tournaments; April 20, June 1, and June 15-16. Businesses can sponsor or donate items, or discounts, to be handed out to the players.

Couple Retreat was discussed for Mother's Day. There will be more discussion on this topic at the next Chamber meeting.

Galena Country Visitors Guide have given out the newest version. Elizabeth is mentioned quite a bit in this version.

2019 Elizabeth-Hanover Visitors Guide is in progress. There will be a meeting to discuss this soon.

2019 Schedule of Events was handed out at the annual dinner. The July 1st parachute event will be added to the schedule.

Membership Dues are currently due. If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so.

Village of Elizabeth spoke during the annual dinner. The sales tax collected is looking good for 2019. The Village has some projects in the works.

Galena Country is happy with how everything is going on their end of things.

Eco-Devo/Fair Board is excited that the Pharmacy is now open. The child care survey was very positive. The committee is always looking for new business ideas/options for Elizabeth. The Fair board has been improving the inside of the community building. When the weather is better, they want to focus on the outside of the building.

Elizabeth Food Basket said everything is going well.

OPEN FORUM

Bob Dittmar asked about Music in the Park. The Chamber will speak with The Village, as the Chamber turned this event back over to the Village to organize.

Pastor Mike Nesbit stated that the local congregations are organizing a non-profit "Community of Churches" to provide free monthly meals, and other ways for communities to get together.

Joe Ambrosia reminded everyone of the electronic signage board being available and urged everyone to take advantage of it.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Annamarie seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be March 28th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Board Room.