

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2019

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

The attendees were: Shellie Callan, Tammy Trebian, Merri Sevey, Norma Schwirtz, Skip and Carol Schwerdtfeger, Lisa Walters, Lara Walters, Pastor Mike Nesbit, Peggy Francomb, Cheryl Rife, Kathy Wand, and Linda Ganster.

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

The Treasurer's report stated \$8,016.66 in the account, approved by Lara, seconded by Tammy. Motion carried.

Linda Ganster gave an introduction of purchasing the Bishops Busy Big store. They are scheduled to close by the end of June. They plan to have local community artists display their work and crafts. They hope to open by the fall. They would also like to have weddings, dances, theater, etc. in the upper floor.

Ups & Downs went very well this year. They hit a record of 179 registrations.

Spring Fling flyers are printed and ready to display. Friday night will be an Open House for the Elizabeth Pharmacy from 6-8 p.m., with ribbon cutting at 6:30 p.m. E-Town will have wine tasting. GEAR is having their Mustache Dash. Saturday, for Spring Fling, there will be a petting zoo, \$20 Shop Local contest (winner will receive \$50 Chamber bucks to be used in Elizabeth businesses.) The Elizabeth Fire Department is having their annual hog roast, music, and bounce houses.

Freedom Festival need food booths. Some additional music is being considered to cover all time frame of the evening. June 5th is the next meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Adopt-a-Pot has all the pots adopted. Flowers are planted in them, and businesses are reminded to water them.

Marketing Committee stated that the Visitor Guide booklets are ready for distribution.

Village of Elizabeth was not discussed at this time.

Eco-Devo/Fair Board was not discussed at this time.

Elizabeth Food Basket stated that the Apple River Fort is giving them 6 beds for planting in. They will be used for foot, and some other things. They need straw for the beds. Please contact Norma if you have some to spare.

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

Pastor Mike Nesbit said the Community of Churches will have their monthly meal at the Elizabeth Community Building Tuesday, May 28th. This meal is free. They serve from 11-1 p.m.

Merri will be on Paula Sands Live tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. Please tune in to watch Merri speak about Elizabeth.

Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lara seconded. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be June 27th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Board Room.