

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes  
August 22, 2019

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

The attendees were: Merri Sevey, Shellie Callan, Lisa Walters, Judy Meyerhofer, Linda Ganster, Peggy Francomb, Tammy Trebian, Cheryl Rife, Kristen Patterson, Kathy Wand, Joe Ambrosia, and Lara Walters.

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

The Treasurer's reports stated \$6,933.84 in the account, approved by Tammy, seconded by Judy. Motion carried.

Business Education & Advocacy Committee was not discussed at this time.

Garlic Festival had an excellent turnout, with approximately 3,000 attendees. The Fest will be **1 week earlier next year**.

Scarecrow Festival is coming up in October. Pastor Mike will be asked to judge the scarecrows again.

Christmas in the Village will be Dec. 7. Apple River State Bank will be sponsoring the trolley. There was discussion of where to hold this event as Bishops building sold. If you have any ideas, please contact a Chamber member.

GGMI published a notice that the fiscal year of 2019 was up in sales tax collected. The Chamber is very pleased with everything that the GGMI is doing for our community.

Hwy 20 Tour is underway. There are Historic Rt 20 signs available for purchase. Apple River Fort is listed on the National Registry for scavenger hunts.

Marketing was not discussed at this time.

Officer Elections shows that Lara, Peggy, Tammy, and Anna were re-elected last year. Judy and Lisa will be up for re-election in 2019. Shellie and Merri will be up for re-election in 2020. Judy, Shellie and Merri will not be running for re-election, so they are asking everyone to consider who might like to replace them.

Village of Elizabeth stated that some streets in town will be getting repairs done next week.

Eco-Devo/Fair Board stated that curb-gutter appeal is one of the things that businesses look at when considering coming to Elizabeth and other towns. There was also interest in having drone footage of the community. The fair had low attendance this year, due to the extreme heat. The parade also had low attendance. Sunday was a better attendance day for the fair than Saturday. Next year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so if you have any ideas for this contact a fair board member.

#### OPEN FORUM

Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Judy. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.