

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes  
January 30, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President, Merri Sevey, at 5:30 p.m.

The attendees were: Merri Sevey, Shellie Callan, Lisa Walters, Judy Meyerhofer, Peggy Francomb, Jeff Beals, Cheryl Rife, Kathy Wand, Joe Ambrosia, Linda Ganster, Norma Schwartz, Jodi Korte, Karen and Brian Staron, and Tiffany Patterson.

The Secretary's report was approved by Peg, seconded by Judy. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's report stated \$5,547.99 in the account, approved by Judy, seconded by Jody. The motion carried.

Guest Presenter, P.J. Harte Naus, educator and local author of the *Belden Boys Series* spoke of her award-winning anti-bullying series and the children's summer Belden Writing Camp. Her books are currently in Elizabeth Grand Antique Mall and E-Town.

2020 Schedule of Events was not discussed at this time.

Visitor's Guide 2020 will need new pictures and needs help with distribution of the booklets.

GGMI Update has a new Guide out that Elizabeth is featured in very heavily.

Annual Meeting will be February 27<sup>th</sup> at Cajun Jacks. An e-invite will be emailed out with details and deadline.

Officers up for Re-election are Merri and Shellie. They will only be running for 1 year. Please let Merri know if you would be willing to take over a position. Merri and Shellie are more than willing to help transition someone new in.

New IL State Employment Laws stated that many new laws took effect January 1<sup>st</sup> that may affect your business.

IIRA 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference will be February 26-27 in Springfield. Let Merri know if you would like to attend.

HGTV Contest will film in Elizabeth February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will be put on the website after it's been submitted for the contest.

2019 Finances had handouts to view. If you would like to see the handout, please let Merri know.

2020 Budget, the board will meet to set up the new budget for 2020.

Village of Elizabeth spoke of a \$120,000 grant for a splash pad for Terrapin Park. More details will be coming on this.

Eco-Devo/Fair Board verified that Bingo will be played at the fair again.

#### OPEN FORUM

Brian and Karen Staron spoke as the new owners of Hwy 20 Brewing Co. They are planning an opening April 2, the weekend of Ups & Downs. Then Linda Ganster said they will also be having an opening that same day. This led into a discussion of moving Spring Fling to that weekend. After the discussion, Cheryl made a motion to move Spring Fling up a week. Norma seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Spring Fling will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Judy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jody seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.