

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2021

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

The attendees were: Linda Ganster, Shellie Callan, Merri Sevey, Judy Meyerhofer, Jessica Engle, Kristen Patterson, Lara Walters, Jodi Korte, Annamarie Pintozzi, Peg Francomb, Mike Dittmar, Pastor Mike Nesbit, Lisa Walters, Jeff Beals and Joe Ambrosia.

Secretary's Report was approved by Judy, seconded by Linda. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report stated \$7,445.73 in the account, approved by Judy, seconded by Peg. Motion carried.

COVID discussion stated we are in Phase 4, with 25% capacity, groups of 50, with wearing masks and social distancing.

Vaccinations is at .65% and is in Phase 1B.

2020 Financials are printed and were available for review.

Annual Meeting will be February 25th. There was discussion of having the meeting, but without food. Pastor Mike Nesbit offered to have the meeting at St. Paul Lutheran Church. He will discuss this with his church board and let us know.

Dine to Donate went very well. There was discussion of having this event again. Tentatively March 21st was discussed. Also discussed was the possibility of having "carry out" meals preordered and having certain set times to deliver to surrounding areas. This would make it more efficient for deliveries.

Membership had a discussion of cutting dues in ½ for 2021 as businesses are still feeling the effects of COVID restrictions. 2022 would go back to regular priced dues. After discussion, Peg made a motion to have 2021 dues be ½ the cost, but with the stipulation that they are paid by March 31st. Any dues being paid after March 31st will be at full price. Jodi seconded the motion. Motion carried. Online payment will also be an option. Dues letters will be coming out next week.

Freedom Fest will be Thursday July 1, pending COVID restrictions. There will be fireworks at the end of the evening. By cutting the Chamber dues in half, hopefully businesses will be able to help sponsor this event. A minimum sponsor total needs to be met to have this event in Elizabeth. More information will be sent out soon.

Village of Elizabeth Mayor Mike Dittmar stated Locust Street repair will be starting soon. Catlin St. will also be re-paved, new curb and gutter installation and water line will be started hopefully in March. The Splash Pad should be done by early June. A grant for parks will provide a new ball diamond fence and new bleachers in the old school and enhance the Veterans Memorial. The Village Hall will be moving back up town (the old Jo-Carroll Building). This was done because Northwest Academy needs more space and visitors can go up town and make it a "one-stop shop". The business-low interest loans that the Village offered to Elizabeth businesses that were struggling during COVID was covered by a grant that the Village received from the state. Those loans have now become grants and will not need to be re-paid. Mike Dittmar is researching this option. Mike submitted paperwork to run for Mayor again.

Eco-Devo stated that the music has been secured for the fair. The fair will be July 16-18.

OPEN FORUM

Annamarie made a motion to adjourn, Jodi seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting February 25th. The exact location and time will be sent out as soon as the details are secured.