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Elizabeth Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Thursday, July 22 @ 6:00pm, Village Hall Meeting Room

Call to Order- Linda Ganster
Time: 6:00pm **Attendees:** Sign In Sheet

Secretary Report & Minutes - Cheryl Rife
Motion Made: Merri Seconded By: Tammy Vote- Passed

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Walters. $8179.04
Motion Made: Merri Seconded By: Pastor Mike Vote- Passed
Elizabeth Fair Bingo profits of $635. Tammy made discussion to give 1/2 of the profits to the Elizabeth Fair Board. Discussion included using the money this year to purchase signs/banners and service &/or update the Bingo equipment. Motion did not receive a second. Merri and Tammy will explore improvements discussed.

Old Business
Elizabeth Area Chamber of Commerce Bylaws Update & Review by Board of Directors on August 5 at 6:00pm Village Hall Meeting Room Linda Ganster

Committee Reports
Events

- Freedom Fest Review Merri Sevey

Event very successful. Positive comments re: food vendors. Need more soda & water available. Estimated 2500-3,000 attendees. Early prediction is a 'close to breaking-even' with income/expenses.

- Fourth at the Fort Review - July 4 Elizabeth

No Report

- Elizabeth Community Parade Review- July 17 Tammy Trebian

Discussion about new route. Various comments from community members about liking the new route. Members agreed that there is much benefit to "Main Street" route. Discussion of a parade theme that encourages floats & participants—e.g. recognizing first responders.

- Elizabeth Community Fair Bingo Review - July 16, 17, 18. Shelly Callan

Good attendance. Thank you to all who donated prizes in addition to cash $$. Prizes very well received. Shelly requested another leader for next year. Discussion to establish a small committee next year to coordinate callers/workers, prizes, advertising & add a beer tent.

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- Midwest Garlic Festival - August 28 — Lazlo Marton

Lazlo called in to the meeting. Reports good response from garlic growers, farmers. Short on food vendors. Asking Chamber for help with Volunteers for Tickets and Parking. Merri will share Vendor list from Freedom Fest. Vendor fee is $75 for anyone interested. Lazlo discussed a planning committee with Chamber next year. Members discussed.

Tourism & Accommodations Committee

- Galena Country Tourism — Kirsten Bell/Merri Sevey

Kristen sent report via email. Mid-week retreat campaign continues thru September. Visitor Guide 2022 is underway. Businesses asked to review their listing—see emails from Galena Country. New Guide will be out January, 2022.

Village of Elizabeth — Mike Dittmar/Village Rep.

>NIU Project-local farmers supply local restaurants
Mike or Village Rep. not present.

Eco-Devo/Fair Board — Joe Ambrosia

No report

Open Forum

*Update 'Opportunities for Food Trucks' — Lara Walters
no new update
*Welcomed Safe Haven Representative Mary Edwards.

Adjournment Time: 7:06pm
Motion Made: Tammy Seconded By: Merry Vote- Passed

Next Meeting: August 26 @ 6pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room