

East Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce

May Minutes

Directors: Don Elzer, President; Dianna Elzer, Treasurer; Luci Patterson, Secretary; Kerri Stewart, and Endia Wisser

Members & Guests: 26

Don Elzer opened the meeting at 7:08p.m.

I. Old Business

- A. Veterans Memorial (between China Café & Karen Jane's Bakery) getting a new bench for the area.

There will be a dedication ceremony on May 31<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon after the parade.

Firemen are having a breakfast on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

- B. Theatre progress – permit still pending. The stage is almost done – Endia Wisser's brother is working on this project.

- C. Chamber Office – Dog Days Project - flower beds were started but need to be finished because more wood needed to be purchased. Our goal is to have the office opened by the end of this month.

- D. Christmas Craft Show – Bonnie Davis needs to know if anyone is interested in participating in the craft show. She has about a dozen contacts already.

- E. Fourth of July Update – Feezle's is doing the fireworks. Everything has been cleared with the Park Board.

Pizza Hut and Ep Dogs will be set up again this year. Rita's Italian Ice will get back with us, but it looks like they will be able to be set up at the park as well.

Bouncer's and Dunk Tanks courtesy of T&M Hardware.

We need volunteers to help with collecting money at the gate. Anyone can volunteer: individuals, sports teams, organizations.

Bands/Musicians participating: Main band – 5000 Fed (Dave Figley Band), D-Rae, Figley Family Band, LIVID (harder music). Endia is looking for a country western band, if you know of anyone please let her know.

We are also going to be having a talent contest – looking for anyone with a talent.

more information on this contact Endia. The race will start in the parking lot near the gazebo and end before the pool area. There will be things each team has to do while going around the park.

Don asked if it would be all right to do the basketball tournament on Saturday instead of Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>. We might get more participants this way.

We will once again be recognizing individuals and athletes who have had outstanding year.

F. Directory Update – give your company or organization information to Kerri Stewart.

G. Crime Watch Recycling Program – May results \$82.55.

The siding from the Chamberlain House on Market Street was taken to JASAR to recycle.

H. Interest survey for Water/Sewer up to Route 14 – Gary Clark talked about this. Working on get an industrial park on Rt. 14. Gary is in talks with an engineering company. Letters are being sent out to residents near where the industrial park might go. Surveyors will go door to door to talk with residents about this project. Surveyors will be people from our town: members of Chamber, etc. This would not cause annexation to East Palestine to those who get this water. Gary also noted to look for information in businesses down town about the summer job program.

He also noted that the Garden Club is still working on raising money for the Christmas Lights.

I. Windows 7 Event – still working on a date for this.

## II. New Business

A. Flower pots – Chamber is looking into selling flower pots. The pots would be 48" x 48" x 36" Square Concrete Planter with a 2.5" wall thickness at top. The weight of each pot would be 2250 lbs. There would be a one year warranty against manufacturer's defects. There will be more information coming.

B. Rite Aid Children's Miracle Network Poker Run, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The bikers will be stopping at East Palestine Rite Aid. Next year there will be a concert here in our Rite Aid parking lot.

C. 2010 Turkey Trot – is being advertised in the Youngstown Runners Club. This should draw more runners to the race. This means we will need extra volunteers to help out.

D. Thank you's: The Mason Lodge for letting us use their building to host our meetings, Huntington Bank for all the years of letting us use an office in their building, and to the EP School District for letting us put information in the school newsletter.

III. Spotlight on members to promote their business

- A. Marlene Figley told us about a community event that the Covington House will be hosting on Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>.

The event will be called: The Covington Invitational

Mark Powers has graciously provided a benefit polo match for the residents of Covington. It is since become a community event where all are welcome. We want the residents to have a great time as well as the members of the community. It will be a fun day for all since many of us have never been to a polo match.

We are looking for help in any way you can think. We need a sponsor for one of the teams. We need donations of generators, bounce arounds, tents, or anything of the sorts. We need monetary donations to help defray the cost of food and drink, trophies, tents, etc. We are selling ads for the program for \$10.00 a half page and \$20.00 a whole page.

We are still in the beginning stages and are open for suggestions. We do have a band and a bandstand. Tailgating is welcome!

The date will be July 17<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of July 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be from 12 noon until 6:00p.m. The time is flexible; we may start at 1:00. The polo match will begin at 2:00 and last approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours.

Please let us know if you are willing to be a part of this fun day. You may call Marlene Figley at 330-426-2922 or Jan Hoagland at 330-426-2920 ext. 106, or Paula Edgar at 330-426-2920 ext. 126.

After Marlene was done speaking, Don asked the Chamber members if anyone would object to the Chamber sponsoring the other team. Everyone was in agreement that that would be fine. So the Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the other team.

IV. State of the Union

- A. Wayne Ulery talked more about Geo-Caching. He has been active with this since 2006. He has hidden over 138 things in the U.S. He has something hidden in East Palestine at the Boatman Cemetery.

He noted how this will draw people to the area. He said the way to promote this and your business is through Social Media (word of mouth). You can link up with business websites, on Facebook, Twitter, Myspace, etc.

For a business: you can talk about a new product you have to sell and the information would go right to people's computers or phones. You can offer these customers special offers to draw them to your business. If you would like

to talk more to Wayne about social networking you can contact him at [www.DigitalPardadise.tv](http://www.DigitalPardadise.tv)

He suggested we start up a fanpage on Facebook for geo-caching in East Palestine. This is something we will look into doing.

B. Tamara Hess – East Palestine Memorial Public Library

Tamara talked about the summer reading program “Make a Splash Read” Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. registration for summer reading. Sign up to participate in the reading program in the Young Adult area of the library. Participants can make a frog or fish necklace.

Mondays at 10:30a.m. from June 14<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup> is Family Story time. Stories, songs, and fun for children ages 2 and up and their parent or caregiver.

Tuesdays at 1:00p.m. from June 15<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup> is Make a Splash! READ! Special Events. A different program featuring the “Make A Splash” theme will be presented each week. Join us for great stories, fun, and a chance to win a prize! Ages 5 and up are welcome.

Movie time in the Community Room

Beat the heat and join us for a family movie in the library community room. All ages are welcome. In June movie time will be held on Thursdays at 1:00p.m.; in July they will be held on Wednesdays at 11:00a.m.

Drop In Crafts

Each week of the reading program, a different craft project will be available in the children’s area of the library. Stop by the library anytime to participate.

Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. “Go Bananas for Books” Reading Camp at the East Palestine City Park Community Center. Offered by the East Palestine Elementary and PTO for children entering Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Participation in this program counts toward the library’s reading program.

Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p.m. the Finale of the Summer Reading Program featuring a magic show starring Paul Gerber. All ages are welcome. Grand prizes will be awarded after the show.

If you would like more information about the reading program or any other activities at the library you can contact Tamara at: 330-426-3778 or check out the library website: [www.east-palestine.lib.oh.us](http://www.east-palestine.lib.oh.us)

C. Scott Washam of the Juvenile Court System spoke.

He has been the magistrate since 2007. The court is located in the old Lisbon High School.

The focus is on rehabilitation not punishment.

The types of cases they deal with: delinquencies, unruly cases, traffic cases, child support, paternity cases, abuse cases, neglect cases, dependency cases.

Don asked what the Chamber can do to help the Juvenile Court System. Scott said the more people who get involved in activities with kids the less likely the juveniles will get into trouble.

Don closed the meeting at 8:20p.m.

Next Chamber meeting is June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.