



SACG Monthly Meeting

October 16, 2023

Library, lower level

Welcome – President Deb Oldakowski welcomed 11 members at 6:00 PM. There were no guests.

Secretary Report – Jill Hidinger asked for any edits needed for the September minutes. Jay Herman requested one change. Tim Meier motioned to approve the minutes with that change to be made. Nancy Thorkildson seconded. All Ayes.

Treasurer Report – Jay Herman provided balances in our Regular Checking of \$13,743.47, Savings/Memorial accounts \$4,807.63, and the twelve-month CD \$10,265.05. There is a balance of \$9,000.05 in the Mural Restoration fund at PSB. There was no income generated and there were expenses of \$270.85.

Endowment Report – Shelbie Williams was not present to provide the report.

Nancy Thorkildson motioned to accept Jay's report, second by Jim Hidinger. All Ayes.

Committee Reports

Economic Development – Jill Hidinger reminded the group about the Nov. 16th Sip & Shop, and the new bridge ribbon cutting being held the same day. Jill Hidinger asked for approval of \$30 to cover the marketing costs involved for Sip & Shop. Jill Hidinger made the motion to approve, and Sue Herman seconded. All Ayes.

The Bridge ceremony will be commemorated with a video. Jim Hidinger has been planning specific shots he wants to include.

Benton County Community Foundation Grant has been written and submitted with nearly \$11,000 being sought. If awarded, the funds will go to future park improvements.

Gold Medal Mural Restoration – we are nearly 2/3 of the way to our goal. This project will be moving forward in Spring 2024.

Downtown Walkaround – scheduled for October 18th and 19th with visitors from Iowa Economic Development and Benton Development Group to assess our towns strengths and weaknesses.

Future Project Brainstorming – Jessica Walker brought our initial list of projects from over a year ago to reprioritize and add any new projects.

Park Committee – Jim Hiding referred to the BCC Foundation Grant, and their request for nearly \$11,000.

Decorating Committee – Sue Herman is seeking a member to take over the coordination responsibilities for holiday decorating. Tim Meier volunteered to help.

Membership Committee – Nancy Thorkildson spoke for the group. She would like to incorporate Zoom meetings for those that can't attend in person. There is a fee involved. Kyle Heineman suggested using Google Meets instead because it is free. Jill Hiding will send out another email to membership to contact people they personally want to invite to the open house on Oct. 22nd.

Old Business

Endowment Fund – Nancy Thorkildson asked for another email to be sent out to membership, as well as a letter to be mailed to residents and SACG alumni. She asked for \$250 to cover the cost of printing and postage. Kyle Heineman motioned to approve and seconded by Jean Fish. All Ayes.

New Business

Aureon Grant – Nancy Thorkildson is working on a grant seeking \$1,000 matching funds to be used toward the mural refresh.

Holiday Gathering – Jean Fish has planned for Dec. 11th at the Local Edition. There will be a fee for members to attend. More to come.

VS Fine Arts – Jay Herman received a letter from VS Fine Arts seeing 2024 donations. Jean Fish motioned to donate \$250 to the program, Jim Hiding seconded. All Ayes.

Adjourn – We adjourned at 7:10 with a motion by Tim Meier and seconded by Jean Fish. All Ayes.