

## SACG Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2021

Shellsburg Public Library

President Marlys Harms brought the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with fourteen members present.

Secretary Report – Jill Hidinge asked members to accept the October minutes. Nancy Thorkildson and Tricia Sheldon motioned to accept, with no changes. All Ayes.

Treasurer Report – Jay Herman gave the financial report showing \$25,196.37 in regular checking & \$3,775.65 in regular savings/memorial accounts, totaling \$28,972.02 held at Palo Savings Bank. There was no income to report. Expenses totaled \$1,003.28. One check written on July 17, 2021, is still outstanding. The Treasurer report was accepted with motions from Jean Fish and Jim Hidinge. All Ayes.

### Old Business

- a. Benton County Foundation Grant – Deb Oldakowski reported some park equipment has started to arrive at City Hall.
- b. SACG 10 Year Anniversary/Holiday Meal – Wilda Solberg has spoken with Wildcat about meal options. Date is December 13<sup>th</sup>, with social hour 5:30-6:30. Dinner will be served at 6:30. Members will be responsible for the price of their meal, and open bar. Members wanting to participate, please email/call Jill Hidinge if you were not present at the November meeting. You will also receive a flyer in the mail, but for the sake of saving time feel free to RSVP to 319-447-7137 or Jill [Hidinge@gmail.com](mailto:Hidinge@gmail.com)
- c. Gold Medal Flour Mural – Jean Fish asked for help with grant writing. Nancy Thorkildson offered to research grants that would make sense to cover the cost of mural retouching. Jill Hidinge offered to help Jean with this project.
- d. 4Imprint Grant for promotional giveaways – hold off until 2022.
- e. Membership Drive – Postponing until Spring.
- f. Post card mailing – being planning in Spring.
- g. SACG apparel – Revisit in the Spring.
- h. Tree Signs – Jay Herman brought signs to show to the members. He and Phil Shaff have been teaming up on this project. These will sit atop powder-coated stakes. Jay said he went over budget by \$50.00 and asked for it to be approved. Wilda Solberg and Tim Peters motioned to approve. All Ayes. Stakes and signs will be put out before the end of November.
- i. Big Day – Marlys Harms has reserved four items with H&H for 2022, also extending operations from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on the day of the event. Motion made to accept additional expense of extended operations by Wilda Solberg and seconded by Tricia Sheldon. All Ayes. Sarah Scott asked about including a bag tournament which garnered approval from the members.
- j. Holiday Decorating – Sue Herman asked those available to show up at City Park at 10:00 AM on Saturday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>
- k. Surety Bond – Jay Herman has researched this and spoken with Mayor Lonnie. No need to pursue. Ed Shaeffer supported that decision based on his background in other service groups.

- l. Railroad property \_ Nancy Thorkildson said it was going to be on the Council's agenda for Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- m. Officer/Board elections -Marlys Harms will serve one more year as President. Deb Oldakowski has accepted the role of Vice President. Jill Hidingen will serve another 2-year term as Secretary, and Jay Herman will serve another 2- year term as Treasurer. Nancy Thorkildson will serve an additional year as a Board member. All Ayes.

#### Committees

Golf Committee- nothing until Spring.

Economic Development – Jill Hidingen said they are still waiting for Adam Bentley of ECICOG's suggestions as a follow up to our meeting in October. Jill has been reaching out to Shellsburg businesses for articles to publish in The Pride. Jill asked Nancy Thorkildson about posting the articles on Facebooks. Nancy will post them upon receiving the documents from Jill.

Membership Committee – on hold until Spring.

Big Day Committee- Sarah Scott volunteered to serve on the committee for 2022.

Scholarship Committee- nothing.

Horticulture Committee – Tricia Sheldon said nothing now until Spring.

Tree Committee – Jay Herman said there is still one paid, unused tree coupon at Cedar River Garden Center.

Holiday Committee – Decorating on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, City Park also, will be having a 10-year celebration of SACG along with our Holiday Party at Wildcat on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Social hour starts at 5:30 and Dinner at 6:30. Reservations due by November 30, 2021.

#### New Business

- a. Vinton-Shellsburg Fine Arts Century Club Donation – SACG voted to donate \$200.00. Nancy Thorkildson motioned, and Tim Peters seconded to approve. All Ayes.
- b. Email regarding Prairie Trail – Marlys spoke about an email from Sam Parker wanting to have a memorial of some kind for his deceased father, who was formerly a teacher at Vinton-Shellsburg. Marlys Harms and others in the group discussed asking him to reach out to Benton County Conservation or the school district.
- c. Rock Ridge Care Center, Holiday visit – will move to 2022 due to Covid.
- d. Think about goals to achieve in 2022.
- e. Other items – Audit to be done before January 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Nancy Thorkildson and Tricia Sheldon who volunteered to do this important annual task.

Adjourn – We adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hidingen