

## SACG Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2021 via Zoom

1. **Welcome** – President Marlys Harms welcomed us at 6:02 PM
2. **Secretary Report** – Jill Hidingier asked for acceptance of January minutes. They were approved. All Ayes.
3. **Treasurer Report** – Jay Herman reported \$15,396.09 in Checking, \$3,774.23 in the Memorial Fund for a total of \$19,170.32. We had \$515.00 income (\$385 was dues, \$130 from Wells Fargo), **no expenses** plus \$3,660.48 in derecho contributions aside from \$700 in the GoFundMe fund. Bob Shultis made a motion to accept Jay’s report and Jean Fish seconded. All Ayes
4. **Old Business -**

**Catalyst Grant** – Nancy Thorkildson said progress is being made but couldn’t say anything more

**Go Fund Me Site/Other Donations** for City Damage \$700.00 in account per Jay Herman

**Dues** – 23 members paid to date per Jay Herman.

**Audit** – Jean Fish and Nancy Thorkildson performed the audit. Nancy asked to have the Summary Report sent out to members of SACG. Jill Hidingier will send out an email.

### 5. **Committees -**

**Golf Committee** – Marlys Harms has had conversations with Wildcat regarding options of holding this event this June 19th while maintaining safety due to Covid-19. Looking at a simpler function this year with proceeds possibly going to city derecho repairs. Kelsey Fish offered to help with the function and looking for other help from members. Meri Mott made a motion for up to spend up to \$150 for printing, mailing sponsor letters for fundraising and Kelsey Fish seconded. All Ayes.

**Economic Development Committee** – Jill Hidingier shared she worked with Colleen Bodvig to create a space on the City website for commercial buildings for sale or rent, residential lots and or properties for sale. Jill has reviewed several websites and found they have information regarding TIF, Tax rebates, Tax Abatement and Urban Renewal Districts. Jill will research with ECICOG to get more understanding on how Shellsburg can utilize these programs. Jim Hidingier is working on an Economic Development link to the revised city website. Jill mentioned the Benton County Community Foundation grant opportunity that Deb Oldakowski is working on with Beth Ann Wiggins and Nancy Thorkildson.

**Easter Egg Committee - Kelsey Fish, Debi Reynolds, Jean Fish, Sue Herman** met recently. Beth Ann Wiggins was not in attendance. Due to conflicts with Coronavirus and all the snow they are thinking of holding it at the school during a weekday. The committee needs to meet again to finalize a plan after determining best day/times with the school principal. Last year Pam and Arnie Kisling donated funds to go toward candy. Tim Peters made a motion to donate up to \$350 worth of candy on behalf of SACG in addition to the Kisling’s 2020 donation. Phil Shaff seconded. All Ayes.

**Family Fun Nights Committee** – Tabled for now

**Membership Committee** – Tabled for now

**Big Day Committee** – Tabled for now

**Scholarship Committee** – Kelsey said it is good to go and asked Jay Herman to keep a watch out at our PO Box for applications due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Committee will meet in March to determine scoring criteria.

**6. New Business -**

**Tree Purchase/Set up temporary Tree Committee** – Jay Herman reported on his tree research prices for City Park and Memorial Park. Phil Shaff and Nancy Thorkildson are involved with Jay on the tree committee. Tom Flannery, Jon Sheldon, Bob Shultis, Meri Mott, and Bob Thorkildson have volunteered to help with hole digging or tree planting.

**Trees Forever Grant** – Nancy Thorkildsen has spoken with Trees Forever and there is a \$10,000 grant available for tree replacement. Nancy asked SACG members for a motion. Bob Shultis made a motion to move forward with applying for the grant, Tim Peters seconded. All Ayes.

**Benton Community Foundation Grant** – Nancy Thorkildson reported the deadline to apply is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. She and Deb Oldakowski are researching prices for benches and other items for Memorial Park. Beth Ann Wiggins is part of the committee to help write the grant request. A motion was made by Jill Hiding and seconded by Tricia Sheldon to move forward. All Ayes

**City Park Playground Mulch** – Nancy Thorkildson shared the cost to replace mulch will be \$400 to fill in holes. Jean Fish made the motion with Bob Shultis seconding. All Ayes.

**Iowa Miss Agriculture** – Marlys Harms asked if we want to take advantage of Katelyn Folkmann's offer to attend Big Day and other events. Jill Hiding said she would contact Katelyn to see if she would be interested in attending tree planting. Jill said she will provide the information to Ed Shaeffer to discuss Big Day with her.

**Any other items** – Annette Merchant turned in her SACG sweatshirt and tee shirt if anyone is interested. Deb Oldakowski raised her hand.

**7. Adjourn** – Marlys motioned to adjourn, Bob Shultis seconded. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Next Meeting March 15, 2021, to be determined whether in person meeting or a zoom meeting. Please review previous meeting minutes before Monday night.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hiding