



SACG Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2022

Shellsburg Library, Lower Level

President Marlys Harms welcomed 11 members at 6:04 PM.

Secretary Report – Jill Hidingier asked for approval of January minutes. Tim Peters and Sue Herman motioned to accept the minutes with no changes. All Ayes.

Treasurer Report – Jay Herman reported balances of \$24,363.59 in the regular checking and \$3,776.29 in regular savings/memorial accounts, as well as \$110.00 income from dues paid so far and \$500.00 in expenses. Meri Mott and Jim Hidingier motioned to accept Jay's report. All Ayes.

Old Business

Benton Community Foundation Grant – Deb Oldakowski requested approval to purchase two, 6' covered benches for the park. This is part of a project that will also require a concrete slab and mulch which could bring the cost of the project above budget. Meri Mott motioned to make payment for the benches now and discuss the concrete and mulch at another time. Kelsey Fish seconded. All ayes.

Gold Medal Mural – Nothing

4Imprint Grant – Marlys said she would look at the website for an item to order for giveaways.

Membership Drive – Nothing

Postcard Mailing – Nothing

SACG Advertising Specialties – Kelsey Fish offered to research apparel for our next meeting.

Big Day – Marlys Harms went to the last planning meeting. She reminded us SACG had donated \$250 last year. Jay Herman and Ed Shaeffer motioned to stay with the same amount for 2022. All ayes.

Railroad Update – Tim Peters said the attorney is waiting to hear back from the railroad. On hold.

Committees

Golf – Marlys Harms said there is a planning meeting scheduled for March 3rd. This year's golf tournament will be held June 25th.

Economic Development – Jill Hidingier gave an overview of the meeting that was held on February 9th via Zoom. The first topic related to a recent Economic Development study of Shellsburg conducted by ECICOG (East Central Iowa Council of Governments). Jill and several members of the Economic Development Committee will meet with Adam Bentley of ECICOG, along with Mayor Lonnie and two members of the city council on March 17th to discuss the report.

We have been invited to participate in a Keep Iowa Beautiful program entitled Hometown Pride. It was developed to meet the need of Iowa communities to assist with implementation of community plans and visions. ECICOG said there will be a small cost associated with SACG's participation and once the fee amount is certain, we will ask SACG to help cover the cost.

Also discussed was the Community Challenge Grant sponsored by AARP which is due March 22nd. Jill Hidingar attended the February 22nd City Council meeting and garnered approval of a pickleball court that would be in Memorial Park. Jim Hidingar, Deb Oldakowski and Jill Hidingar are poised to collaborate on preparing and submitting a grant request for funding this project.

Lastly, the Economic Development Committee is looking into the feasibility of a Community Development person to help promote Shellsburg. There are details to be worked out, however this position has been strongly suggested by Kate Robertson, Benton County Development Group.

Family Fun Nights – Kelsey said nothing new to report.

Membership – Nothing

Scholarship – Kelsey Fish reported she, Debi Reynolds and Ed Shaeffer will continue to be on the committee

Horticulture – Nothing

Tree – Nothing

Holiday – Nothing

Easter Egg Hunt – Kelsey said it will be held at the park on Saturday, April 9th.

New Business

Shellsburg Pride Donation – Marlys Harms reminded us of our past donations to the Pride. A motion was made by Tim Peters and seconded by Meri Mott to approve a donation of \$200 again this year. All ayes.

Scholarships for 2022 – Kelsey Fish, Debi Reynolds and Ed Shaeffer will work on.

Dues – 15 members have paid dues so far this year. Others made payment at the meeting.

July 4th Fireworks Donation – Hold off until the next meeting.

Goals for 2022 – Marlys Harms wants to wait until next month, but several members threw out ideas that merit further discussion.

Other – Jim Hidingar suggested coming up with several larger projects to have in the pipeline that likely require funding, so when grant opportunities come up, we have projects in the works.

Adjourn – we adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hidingar