



SACG Monthly Meeting

Shellsburg Library

April 15, 2024, 6:00 PM

Welcome – President Deb Oldakowski welcomed fourteen members at 6:00 PM.

Secretary Report -Jill Hidinge asked for a motion to accept last month’s minutes. Tim Peters made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Sue Herman. All Ayes.

Treasurer Report – Jay Herman reported balances in the following accounts: Regular Checking, Savings/Memorial and both 9-month CD’s and the mural restoration account. Income represented sponsorships for the golf tournament, 2 dues payments and a grant awarded by Delta Dental. Expenses were \$262.17.

Shellsburg Community Endowment Fund – due to VP Shelbie Williams absence, President Deb reported the current balance of \$17,892.39. Rhonda & Paul McClintock, and John & Delight Eilering are the most recent contributors to the fund.

Committee Reports

Economic Development – Tim Peters reported on a potential mural project for the south end of 119 Pearl St. They are working with Jessica Walker, Community Development Specialist for our Hometown Pride program to assist with a potential grant that could aid in marketing efforts of the new development. As part of the new business retention plan, a vote was taken to send a plant to Atkins Savings Bank recognizing their latest banking kiosk located on Main Street. Jill Hidinge made the motion, and Patty Brockett seconded. All Ayes. Lastly, painting for the Gold Medal Flour mural will start in May.

Golf Tournament – Marlys Harms mentioned they have 16 sponsors signed up so far. Grady Zangerle asked if he could put a sign out during the tournament. He would place it at the back of his lot which is adjacent to the golf course. The intent is to use it in conjunction with a fundraiser.

Big Day - Marlys Harms is looking for ideas for the SACG float.

Parks Committee – Jim Hidinge talked about the five projects in the hopper: 1) Picnic area will place a plaque to commemorate Louis Gardemann with the gift from Jim and Jaquie Hodgson, 2) Water fountain near trail head in Memorial Park, 3) Bathroom wall art project, will reapply for a grant in June, 4) City Park Pavilion picnic tables with sponsorships by community members, 5) Lastly, they are resurrecting the pickleball court project, albeit is in the distance.

Trail Work Day – Jay Herman and Phil Shaff have spent a couple days this month working on the trail. Benton County Conservation is planning on burning the trail along with the fifth grade VS students but isn't sure when that will occur. The small wood bridge was power washed free of charge by Powerwash Pro's. Jay still wants to seal the wood and asked for up to \$60 for sealant. Nancy Thorkildson motioned to accept Jay's request and Marc Chase seconded. All Ayes.

Special Events - The group has yet to meet but Deb Oldakowski has a meeting scheduled for April 18th.

Bridge Enhancements – Nancy Thorkildson asked Grady Zangerle to put together a budget to implement his ideas and then present it to SACG in the May meeting for a vote.

Old Business

Jim Hidingier had mockups of the revisions to the SACG brochure. He asked for up to \$285 from SACG to print 50 copies. Tim Peters motioned to accept Jim's request spending up to \$300, followed by Marlys Harms. All Ayes.

Jill Hidingier raised the question of electronic dues payments. Jensen Miller will talk with Shelbie Williams to see what she may have learned, and Jill Hidingier volunteered to check with Palo Savings Banks about their capabilities.

New Business

Park Cleanup Day – Nancy Thorkildson raised the opportunity to participate in the Keep Iowa Beautiful program by asking members to volunteer their time cleaning and mulching flower beds, in conjunction with additional trailhead cleanup. Jill Hidingier will send an email out to members asking for their help on April 20th at 8:30 AM. Jay Herman and Phil Shaff will meet and direct members on where to help.

Adjourn – We adjourned at 7:00 PM. Marlys Harms motioned to adjourn, and Jill Hidingier seconded. All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hidingier