



SACG Monthly Meeting

August 21, 2023

Library, lower level

Welcome- President Deb Oldakowski welcomed 14 members and one guest at 6:03 PM.

Ed Callan gave an update to the mural restoration project if he were to do the work.

Secretary Report- Jill Hidingier provided minutes from July's meeting. Tim Peters motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Nancy Thorkildson. All Ayes.

Treasurer Report- Jay Herman gave a review of August financials showing \$50 Income, and \$2,272.34 in Expenses. Balances were given for the Regular checking account of \$16,740.60, Savings/Memorial Account \$4,806.82, and the CD \$10,175.28, plus \$5,761.97 in the Mural Restoration account, all held at Palo Savings Bank. Tim Peters motioned to accept the report, seconded by Jim Hidingier. All Ayes.

- a. Endowment Fund Balance \$10,145

Committee Reports

Economic Development- Jill Hidingier reported the activity for the committee. Jim Hidingier and Nancy Thorkildson have been actively involved in fundraising efforts. KCRG visited Shellsburg earlier this month to interview Jill Hidingier and Steve Charlier (Millstream Brewery) for a piece they will air about our mural fundraising efforts. Jim Hidingier and Tim Peters are researching wireless speaker options for the downtown and bridge areas. Our Hometown Pride Community Coach Jessica wants to help us do a Sip & Shop event in October. We have tentatively set Oct. 5th as the date. Jay Herman shared Shellsburg has been selected for a downtown walkaround with IEDA mid-October. The annual renewal for the Hometown Pride program is coming due. SACG members voted to sign up for one more year, after Tim Peters made a motion to renew and Sue Herman seconding.

Park Committee- Jim Hidingier introduced his vision for a decorative fence with plantings at the Memorial Park entrance. Following Jim's request to SACG to cover the expenses, Tim Peters and Dan Pence motioned to spend up to \$500. All Ayes. Another area planned to add artwork is the bathroom building at City Park. Jim Hidingier, Nancy Thorkildson, Deb Oldakowski, Tim Peters, and Jessica will work together on a grant request for the bathroom project.

Membership Committee – Nancy Thorkildson will be meeting with Jean Fish and Shelbie Williams to plan how to grow membership.

Old Business

- a. Shellsburg Community Endowment- now funds are at \$10,145.00 to date.
- b. Gold Medal Flour Mural – Ed Callan is working up an estimate, currently have Wall Dog's
- c. Golf Committee – Marlys Harms provided an updated account of the profit made by SACG's golf tournament, including income from sponsorships and hole sponsorships.

New Business

1. Benton County Community Funding Grant Opportunities
 - a. Available funds much greater than the past
 - b. Time to apply is September 1st through Oct. 15th.
 - c. Jean Fish and Nancy Thorkildson are attending a BCC meeting.
 - d. Jim Hiding asked for a rolling cart to hold the TV at the library. Tim Peters and Marlys Harms motioned to allow a purchase up to \$100. All Ayes.

2. Interest in Officer and Board of director openings for 2024.
 - a. 3 board member positions expire at the end of 2023.
 - b. 2 Officer positions expire at the end of 2023.

Adjourn- we adjourned at 7:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hiding