



SACG Monthly Meeting

February 20, 2023

Library, lower level

President Deb Oldakowski welcomed eleven members at 6:00 PM. We had one guest, Terry Gaumer of Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa.

Secretary Report – Jill Hidinger asked for any edits to the January meeting minutes. President Deb asked for one change in wording under Economic Development. Aside from that, Nancy Thorkildson and Sue Herman motioned, in that order to accept the minutes with that change. All Ayes.

Treasurer Report – Jay Herman reported balances of \$14,165.55 in Regular Checking and \$4,804.43 in Regular Savings/Memorial accounts, plus \$10,000 in a 12-month CD. Income of \$360.00 and \$500 in Expenses through 2/20/2023. Nancy Thorkildson and Meri Mott motioned, in that order to accept Jay's report. All Ayes.

Committee Reports

Economic Development – Jill Hidinger, Chairperson, provided her report from the February 8 meeting. Focus of the committee encompasses downtown façade improvements, the Gold Medal Flour mural refresh, and a Rural Housing Readiness Assessment. The committee is looking at possible funding sources for the façade improvements and the mural. The Housing Readiness Assessment is in the works with a survey available through social media and elsewhere around town. Completion date of survey is March 31st.

Parks Committee – Jim Hidinger, Chairperson, provided his report. The first priority is completing the Memorial Park trail extension and adding a parking lot at the trailhead. This project has been approved by the city and is ready to go. Jim asked SACG for funding approval to complete this project. Meri Mott motioned to approve up to \$4500 and seconded by Wilda Solberg. All Ayes.

Old Business

Membership Committees - President Deb passed out the list of new committees and their respective members. One addition, made by Marlys Harms was made adding Sarah Scott to the list of members to serve on the Big Day Committee.

Operational Budget – President Deb asked members to vote on accepting the budget that was last presented in January. Nancy Thorkildson motioned to accept, seconded by Phil Shaff. All Ayes.

Prairie Trail – Jay Herman has cleaned up the west side of the trail, used his chain saw over there recently but there are some large piles of brush laying on the trail. Clean up will take more than we can accomplish alone. Waiting to hear back from the school as to estimates gathered.

New Business

4 Impact – President Deb brought our awareness to using this small grant opportunity to get some SACG swag. She urged us to look at their website to come up with ideas of items to order.

Endowment Fund – Terry Gaumer, Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa explained ways SACG could set up a long-term fund for Shellsburg benefactors to use in their estate planning. An endowment fund would ensure the town of Shellsburg continues to have financial support available by drawing off interest earned from the endowment for future improvements and/or projects. Nancy Thorkildson, and a few other SACG members have volunteered to reach out to other members inviting them learn more about this fund opportunity.

Adjournment

We adjourned at 7:56 PM. Meri Mott was first to make a motion and seconded by Nancy Thorkildson. All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hidinger, Secretary