



SACG Monthly Meeting

January 22, 2024

Library, lower level

Welcome – President Deb Oldakowski began the meeting at 6:02 PM by welcoming 21 members in attendance.

Secretary Report – Jill Hiding asked for a motion accepting the Nov. 2023 minutes as written. Nancy Thorkildson motioned to approve the minutes with the addition of “purchase of poinsettia plants gifted to new businesses under the heading of Business Appreciation.” Marlys Harms seconded. All Ayes.

Treasurer Report – Jay Herman reported balances in the Regular checking account of \$21,365.13, Savings/Memorial account \$8.66, two 9-month CD accounts \$4800/\$10,354.62, and the Mural Restoration account \$11,107.05. Income of \$9622.00 and Expenses of \$585.00 were provided in his report. Jay asked for his name to be added to the Savings Account so he can transfer funds when needed. Currently, Meri Mott is on account. It was agreed to remove Meri and add Jay. A motion made by Phil Shaff led to an addition in the Bylaws, where anyone having signatory duties must be an officer. Kelsey Fish accepted the motion, seconded by Meri Mott.

Shellsburg Community Endowment – Shelbie Williams reported a total value of \$16,000.

Audit Report – Meri Mott shared the results of the annual audit she and Nancy Thorkildson performed on January 19, 2024. The audit of 2023 financials proved to be in balance with the reporting by the Treasurer.

Committee Reports

Economic Development – Tim Peters gave an overview of projects completed in 2023, current projects and a list of potential future projects. Greg Peacock and John Yundt presented information about the new development in December. The committee has offered help on behalf of SACG in promoting it and have some ideas in mind. Business retention will be added to this committee’s area of responsibility. They’ve invited Mayor Phil Travis and members of the City Council to the next meeting.

Big Day – Marlys Harms has learned the cost for H&H inflatables will be higher in 2024. Discussed whether to continue with the toddler sized option we have had the last two years.

The cost is about \$125.00. After much discussion, Meri Mott motioned to continue with it and seconded by Wilda Solberg. As in the past, SACG committed \$250.00 for booth rental during Big Day 2024. All Ayes.

Golf Committee – Marlys Harms is looking toward a potential meeting in March to start planning.

Park Committee – Jim Hidingier shared 2023 projects completed, and those planned for 2024. There are plans to write a grant for a pickle ball court and move forward with adding a mural to one of the bathroom walls in City Park. There are other potential projects in mind for down the road.

Family Fun Night – Kelsey Fish shared a potential item to add to this event. Wilda Solberg had suggested a Foam Blaster, and after watching a short clip about this product we all agreed it should be added. With a cost of \$375 per hour, Kelsey said it would be needed for about 1-1/2 hours. Kelsey also asked for an increase to the 2024 budget in the amount of \$500. Tim Peters motioned to approve, seconded by Lori Mott. All Ayes.

New Business

Pride Donation – Nancy Thorkildson brought up that we had donated \$200 to the Pride in 2023 and made the motion to offer the same for 2024. Seconded by Meri Mott. All Ayes.

Special Events Committee – President Deb brought up the idea of a new committee for Special Events. After reading the description of the responsibilities of this committee discussion was tabled until the next meeting in February.

Old Business

Bridge Video – Jim Hidingier showed the video he was responsible for executing on behalf of SACG. Membership was extremely appreciative, offering applause at the end. Afterwards, Jim proposed SAGC offering additional money to Wayne Anderson for his photography and editing work on the video. Marlys Harms motioned to add \$1000 to the \$500 previously committed. Seconded by Lori Mott. All Ayes.

Adjourn – 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hidingier