



## **SACG Monthly Meeting**

**March 20, 2023**

**Library, lower level**

Welcome – President Deb Oldakowski welcomed fourteen members at 6:03 PM. We had no guests.

**Secretary Report** – Jill Hidinger asked if there were any changes to February’s meeting minutes. Marlys Harms asked for a minor edit to the committee in which Sarah Scott is participating. Nancy Thorkildson and Meri Mott motioned to accept the minutes with the expectation changes will be made. All Ayes.

**Treasurer Report** – Jay Herman reported balances of \$15,648.54 in the regular checking account, \$4,804.80 in our savings/memorial account, \$10,000 in a twelve-month CD as well as \$1870.99 in Income and \$388.00 in Expenses. Nancy Thorkildson motioned to approve Jay’s report, Tim Peters seconded. All Ayes.

### **Committee Reports**

**Economic Development**- Jill Hidinger shared the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting discussions: Power of Connection Grant, Iowa Rural Summit in Ames, Gold Medal Flour Mural refresh. We are considering the PoC grant to create a Strategic Business Plan, and the Rural Summit is an opportunity to learn from other rural Iowa communities. Ideally, we would send a 3-person team to participate in the summit. Jill asked SACG to consider paying for travel and accommodations for interested members. The motion was made by Tim Peters for SACG to cover those expenses, Nancy Thorkildson seconded. All Ayes. Lastly, we reached out to General Mills Sr. Brand Manager, Baking Portfolio asking for their financial sponsorship for the Gold Medal mural refresh. We hope to have more to share on that next month.

**Parks Committee** - Jim Hidinger provided an update on the grant he and Deb Oldakowski worked on, and they have learned they will be receiving \$1,000 to use toward a disc golf course in Memorial Park. The check will be presented at a city council meeting in April. While the grant will reduce the total cost of the disc golf project, it still leaves \$4,800 to complete the project. Tim Peters motioned to accept Jim’s request from SACG to fund that amount. Sue Herman seconded. All Ayes. Jim and Nancy Thorkildson also discussed the Memorial Trail extension project that will begin this spring as well.

**Big Day Committee** – Marlys Harms was pleased to announce that Sarah Scott will oversee the corn hole tournament again this year. Marlys is looking for help with the float and sponsorships.

**Golf Tournament** – Marlys Harms reported the committee is going to mix it up a bit this year. They are adding a Platinum level of sponsorship. Likely will do a 50/50 raffle and hole in one contest.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Sue Herman said they are ready to go. Event will be April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM. They would like volunteers to assist with egg placement in the park beforehand and clean up afterwards. In case of bad weather, the event will be held the following Saturday.

**Membership Committee** – Nancy Thorkildson spoke briefly about this newly formed committee. She and Shelbie Williams have been contacting members that have overlooked sending in their 2023 SACG membership fee.

**Prairie Trail** – Marlys Harms and Jay Herman provided an update on the clean-up of the trail at the northwest end of town. It has been challenging to keep it in good shape. They reported that a Memorandum of Understanding is being drafted by the Vinton-Shellsburg school district and it will outline what the parties are responsible for. Jay Herman also requested funds to purchase fertilizer stakes. Meri Mott motioned to approve, and Phil Shaff seconded. All Ayes.

### **Old Business**

**Promotional items** - Deb Oldakowski showed us some items from 4 Imprint we could use for giveaway's at Big Day, Golf Tournament. She had a water bottle, golf towel and a lunch bag.

### **New Business**

**Big Day Sponsorship** - Marlys Harms asked if SACG will sponsor Big Day again this year. Nancy Thorkildson suggested we sign up for a sponsorship at the \$250.00 level. Tim Peters seconded. All Ayes.

Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Meri Mott and Jim Hiding seconded. We adjourned at 7:10 PM. All Ayes