



SACG Monthly Meeting

March 18, 2024

Library, lower level

Welcome -President Deb Oldakowski opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with 21 in attendance. The newest members Stacy Applegate and Patty Brockett were introduced.

Secretary Report – Jill Hiding asked if someone would make a motion to accept last month’s minutes if there were no changes. Grady Zangerle and Tim Peters both motioned to accept the minutes as written. All Ayes.

Treasurer Report – Jay Herman shared balances in regular checking \$17,715.34, Savings/Memorial \$8.66, and two 9-month CD accounts \$4800.00 & \$10,354.62. The Mural Restoration account continues to gain support with a balance of \$12,092.25 as of March 18th. Income was \$290 showing 9 paid dues, and two sponsorships for the annual Golf Tournament. Expenses amounted to \$1,324.50 to cover SACG Big Day booth, H&H rides down payment for inflatables, and reimbursement to Jim Hiding.

Shellsburg Community Endowment Fund – Shelbie Williams provided the most recent total of \$16,539.80 in contributions.

Committee Reports

- a. Economic Development – Tim Peters shared the tuck pointing is completed for repairing the Gold Medal Flour Mural. Painting of the mural will begin in May. Wayfinding Signage is a priority according to a report issued by IEDA. Tim Peters and Scott Hepker volunteered to serve on a committee focusing on Wayfinding Signage. They will continue to pursue grant funding of special projects.
- b. Parks -Jim Hiding has a meeting planned for March 19th. Scott Hepker volunteered to join the meeting. A pickleball court will continue to be on the horizon at Memorial Park. A grant is currently pending for a drinking fountain at the Memorial Park trailhead. Unfortunately, a grant request was denied for placing public artwork on City Park bathroom walls. Will reapply for this grant with New Leader Manufacturing again in June. On a smaller focus, the picnic tables in the pavilion at City Park will eventually be replaced. Wilda Solberg would like to see a sign displaying what SACG has contributed to date.
- c. Golf Tournament -Marlys Harms reported she and Kelsey Fish had met to discuss sponsors and silent auction prizes. They would like to order some promo items through

4 Imprint. President Deb said she would consider it, but she has other thoughts about using promo items.

- d. Big Day -Marlys Harms has contracts in place with H&H for inflatables and a foam shooter. Also reserved booth space for Big Day. Down payments have been made. Sarah Scott will not be able to run the corn hole game this year. Someone else will need to volunteer.
- e. Horticulture – Tricia Sheldon is hosting a meet & greet at her house for new members of the committee on March 23rd. Jay Herman asked if they would plant some shrubs at the Prairie Trail trailhead. Tricia reminded Jay this committee had already placed some plants there in the past.
- f. Special Events – Nancy Thorkildson announced there is still a vacancy for chairperson of this new committee, although Wilda Solberg, Scott & Mary Hepker, Stacy Applegate, Deb Oldakowski, Sheila Tumilty, and Jill Deklotz have volunteered to serve on the committee.
- g. Prairie Trail Update– Jay Herman reported that he, Phil Shaff, and volunteers spent the course of eight days cleaning up along the creek and prairie side of the trail. There are plans to burn their piles down the road. Jay asked to be reimbursed \$61.69 for diesel fuel purchase already spent plus some additional that will be needed to burn the piles. Nancy Thorkildson motioned to provide Jay with up to \$100 to cover the diesel fuel expenses. Scott Hepker and Jean Fish accepted. All Ayes.
- h. Easter Egg Hunt – Jean Fish is looking for volunteers to help disperse the candy-filled eggs in City Park on Saturday. Jill Hidinger will send an email to membership asking for volunteers to arrive around 8:30 on March 23rd.

Old Business - none

New Business

- a. Brochures – Jim will revise the current SACG brochure, and once approved will order more. Currently has half of a box from last printing. Nancy Thorkildson asked for the list of committees to be updated, and Shelbie Williams would like to include a QR Code as well as our “lifetime” membership option.
- b. Use of old bridge – Grady Zangerle presented his creative ideas for decorating the walking bridge for special events and holidays. His artwork incorporated lights, music, animation, decorative archways, and tables. Everyone loved his ideas. The estimated cost would be around \$2,000.

Sue Herman reminded us of it’s time to think about putting up the patriotic banners on the bridge with Memorial Day just around the corner. The current banners are tattered, and Sue would like to replace them. Scott Hepker and Wilda Solberg approved a motion to spend up to \$200 on replacement banners. All Ayes.

Adjourn – We adjourned at 7:10 PM. All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Hiding