



SACG Monthly Meeting

May 20, 2024

Library, lower level

Welcome – President Deb Oldakowski welcomed us at 6:00 PM. We had 18 members present, including one new member, Alexis Borseth representing Cedar Valley Medical Clinic. Plus, Lisa Lewendowski, who attended as a guest of Nancy Thorkildson.

Secretary Report – Jill Hidingier asked if there were any changes needed to April's minutes. Nancy Thorkildson and Tim Peters accepted the minutes with three edits noted. All Ayes. President Deb asked Jill to read a thank you note from Marge McDonald, Director of the Library, thanking SACG for its \$250 contribution toward the summer reading program.

Treasurer Report – Jay Herman reported balances in the following accounts: Regular Checking \$36,790.68, Savings/Memorial \$8.66, two 9-month CD's \$4,860.90 and \$10,485.94 all totaling \$52,146.18 and the mural restoration fund balance \$12,092.25. Income reported of \$4885.00 and Expenses of \$3411.49. Jensen Miller motioned to accept the report, seconded by Marlys Harms. All Ayes.

Shellsburg Endowment Fund – President Deb reported a balance of \$18,160.00 on behalf of Vice President Shelbie Williams who was absent.

Committee Reports

Economic Development – Tim Peters reported the committee is going to reach out to John Yundt about helping to market the new development. He will present the plaque for the pedestrian bridge to the city council Tuesday evening.

Golf Tournament – Marlys Harms said the committee will meet again June 4th to finalize the details. Working on silent auction and raffle items. June 1st is the cut off for sponsorships.

Big Day – Marlys Harms will be seeking members to work at the SACG booth in 2-hour increments. Still considering ideas for a float for the parade. Will want some promotional type items to hand out.

Way Finding Signs – Tim Peters mentioned they have received a preliminary bid from Shadoe Vogt for the creation of 37 way finding signs, with an estimated cost of \$2500 - \$3,000, and asked SACG to cover the expense. Jim Hidingier motioned to approve the cost and Mary Hepker seconded. All Ayes.

Park – Jim Hiding reported on the status of the committee’s projects: Funding and ordering of a shaded picnic structure with picnic table for Memorial Park, Water Station for Memorial Park has been funded and on order, painting an outside wall of the bathroom at City Park requires reapplying for a grant in June to fund it, replacement of ten picnic tables for the pavilion in City Park is a future project that will possibly be funded with sponsorships.

Special Events – President Deb covered the following events: Chocolate Walk on September 14th, Sip & Shop on December 5th. Both are being organized by Jill Deklotz and Sheila Tumilty. They had requested SACG to assist with marketing materials totaling \$300. Scott Hepker motioned for SACG to cover the expense, and Marlys Harms seconded. All Ayes.

Mary and Scott Hepker are interested in rekindling a Farmer’s Market. It would be limited to produce and baked goods and scheduled for Friday afternoons with set up on the pedestrian bridge. Compass Insurance just needs dates of the events. Marketing on Facebook, city sign, and might want some promotional bags. Scott asked SACG to provide \$250 for start up costs. Jim Hiding motioned to approve, seconded by Ed Schaeffer.

Old Business

Keep Iowa Beautiful – President Deb thanked the twelve members that volunteered their time to clean up Prairie Forest Trail last month. Thanks to the Horticulture committee for cleaning out pots and planting new plants, plus regularly watering the numerous pots and flower beds around the community.

4 imprint Grant – President Deb applied for and received a \$500 grant to apply to promotional items. She has indicated she will order koozies with the SACG logo.

Scholarship – Ed Schaeffer announced Shai Williams, Qin Stephenson and LeeAnne Lubbock as the three students awarded SACG scholarships of \$500 each. He announced both he and Kelsey Fish will be resigning from the committee. This will leave Jensen Miller and Debi Reynolds. Anyone else with an interest in joining the committee is welcome.

New Business

Fireworks – Sons of the American Legion – President Deb asked SACG to fund \$500 for Independence Day fireworks. Last year SACG donated \$500. Wilda Solberg motioned to approve, and Marlys Harms seconded. All Ayes.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Marlys Harms at 7:00 PM and seconded by Tim Peters. All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hiding