



SACG Monthly Meeting

August 15, 2022

Library, lower level

Welcome – President Marlys Harms welcomed members and guests Amanda, Brody, and Travis Waters. Brody presented his Eagle Scout project, a game to be set up in one of Shellsburg's parks. Entitled Gaga Ball, Brody says it increases agility and eye coordination. Brody is asking for donations toward his goal of \$1679.00. New member, Kyle Heineman was present as well.

Secretary Report – Jill Hiding asked for approval of the June minutes. Nancy Thorkildson motioned to approve, seconded by Jean Fish, all Ayes.

Treasurer Report – Jay Herman provided financial balances in both regular checking and our regular savings/memorial accounts. July and August income and expenses were itemized and shared with members. One donation in the amount of \$1,000 was received from Mike and Carolyn Sanders. Jim Hiding made a motion to accept Jay's report, all Ayes.

Old Business/Committee Reports

Gold Medal Flour Mural – Jean Fish has submitted a request to the General Mills Foundation asking for their help in refreshing the mural. Waiting to hear back from them.

Family Fun Night – Jean Fish said there were 100 to 125 people that attended. She suggested adding a bouncy house next year.

Railroad Update – Marlys Harms informed everyone the sign is now up adjacent to Memorial Park for the land that has been donated by the railroad. The land directly behind Pete's Garage is also part of the land donated to the city.

Economic Development – Jill Hiding shared what the committee has been working on. Nancy Thorkildson volunteered to assemble a housing committee to work on the ISU Rural Housing Readiness Assessment, as well as preparing a grant request to reimburse a portion of the cost. Jill informed everyone the new logo & tagline are now in use on the city's website. The branding goal has been accomplished thanks to a collaboration between Craig Oldakowski and Jim Hiding. Jim mentioned we owe Craig \$500 for his creative efforts. Nancy Thorkildson motioned to accept the amount followed by Jean Fish. All Ayes.

Golf Tournament – Nancy Thorkildson gave an overview of the fundraiser. 23 teams signed up!

Big Day – Marlys Harms reported 14 teams had signed up for corn hole but little activity with disc golf this year due to location. SACG hosted a booth and gathered several ideas from the

public for potential future SACG projects. Jim Hidinge reminded Marlys, that we need to get a gift card to send to Steve Hepker for letting us borrow equipment for disc golf. Trisha Sheldon suggested we have a map handout of the games and booths at Big Day in the future.

Benton County Community Foundation Grant – Deb Oldakowski informed members about the new benches in the park because of this grant. Nancy Thorkildson is working on the grant report currently.

SACG Clothing – Jill Hidinge has spent some time looking into a vendor to replace Tharp. Jill will provide costs on apparel at the next meeting.

Membership Drive –Trisha Sheldon suggested placing an ad at the Palace Theatre. She is researching the cost. Deb Oldakowski will call the people that stopped at the Big Day booth.

Tree Committee – Jay Herman reported the trail extension fence has been repaired.

Horticulture Committee – Trisha Sheldon said they've spread mulch and replaced signs that had been damaged by the derecho. She still has a couple of plants to buy. Prairie Forest Trail is getting back to looking normal.

Television in Library basement – Jim Hidinge said it's been delivered.

United Way Volunteer Now Program – Marlys Harms will follow up.

Dues – Marlys Harms wants to find a secondary source for receiving dues. Wilda Solberg volunteered to research.

Goals for 2022 – At Jim Hidinge's suggestion we agreed to continue working on the projects we currently have in the works, and those that we've had on our list to pursue.

New Business

Potential projects/events – Marlys Harms asked to include the list of suggested projects from Big Day in the minutes.

Bicycle Helmet Donation – Marlys Harms purchased \$207.17 worth of bike helmets for donation on behalf of SACG and asked for reimbursement. Nancy Thorkildson motioned to reimburse Marlys. All Ayes.

Adjourn – We adjourned at 7:28 PM, with Marlys making the motion and Jay Herman seconding. All Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hidinge