



## **SACG Monthly Meeting**

**January 16, 2023**

**Library, lower level**

Welcome – President Deb Oldakowski welcomed 13 members at 6:01 pm. Deb thanked past president Marlys Harms for her leadership and positive impact in her role over the last two years.

Secretary Report – Jill Hidinger asked if there were any changes to the last meeting minutes from November. There were no edits, and a motion was made by Marlys Harms, and seconded by Nancy Thorkildson. All Ayes.

Treasurer Report – Jay Herman shared financial balances in our Regular Checking account, Savings/Memorial account, and a CD account. We had income from a memorial donation on behalf of Marshall White, six paid dues, and \$11.01 recorded in our Amazon Smile account. Expenses of \$1,854.79 accounted for printing, Christmas lights, fertilizer, welcome signs, and scholarship for Kortney Etten.

### **Committee Reports**

1. Economic Development – Jill Hidinger shared discussion from their January 11<sup>th</sup> committee meeting. Considering the creation of a Shellsburg endowment fund, priorities include making downtown façade improvements, including Gold Medal Flour mural refresh, and Memorial Park completion. The Memorial Park completion is now being managed under a Master Park Plan, chaired by Jim Hidinger. We added creation of a Business Plan to our list of priorities.

### **Old Business**

1. City Park Holiday Decorations – Sue and Jay Herman will still do banners. The Holiday Committee will provide labor.
2. Audit – Nancy Thorkildson and Tricia Sheldon completed for 2022.
3. Park Planning – Jim Hidinger gave an update of major park projects and priorities. Deb Oldakowski and Jim Hidinger are collaborating on a small grant

application to help fund disc golf. Deb asked SACG to approve matching funds of \$1,000 for the grant. Phil Shaff motioned to accept the request to provide funding of \$1,000 toward disc golf. Tricia Sheldon Seconded. All Ayes.

4. Big Day- Marlys Harms has been talking with H&H regarding inflatable items; bouncy houses, rock wall, etc. Prices will be the same as they were last year, \$2354 which

includes tax, delivery, set up and personnel. Nancy Thorkildson motioned to approve the expense, and Jill Hidingier seconded. All Ayes.

5. Family Fun Night – Kelsey Fish is thinking of adding a new water feature this year. Still to be determined. Date set for June 29<sup>th</sup>.

6. Prairie Trail – Jay Herman discussed cleaning up the trail and surrounding forest. Kyle Sage walked the trail with Jay and will provide an estimate to do the clean-up. They also spent time with Kyle Koeppen, Superintendent for the school district. Also, discussion about tree removal and relocation. Marlys Harms made a motion to approve Jay's request for SACG to spend up to \$700 for this project. Jim Hidingier seconded. All Ayes. More discussion moved to February agenda.

#### New Business

a. Library – Nancy Thorkildson shared the shortage of their budget toward a book nook. Tricia Sheldon motioned for SACG to contribute \$350 toward this project. Marlys Harms seconded. All Ayes.

b. Scholarship – Kelsey Fish spoke about the additional scholarship SACG will offer this year. There will now be two \$500 scholarship opportunities for VS students. Her committee will meet in March to start the process.

c. Endowment – Shelbie Williams shared information for SACG to consider starting up an endowment fund for Shellsburg. Its purpose would be for long term funding. More discussion will be moved to the board meeting.

d. Committees -Deb Oldakowski ran through the list of committees. They

are: a. Easter Egg

b. Family Fun Night

c. Horticulture

d. Golf Tournament

e. Park Planning

f. Economic Development

g. Membership

h. Big Day

i. Prairie Trail

j. Holiday Decorating Committee

k. Scholarship

Jill Hiding will email the list to all SACG members inviting them to participate on any of the committees they find appealing.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2023.

Adjournment – Tricia Sheldon motioned to adjourn, as seconded by Jim Hiding. We adjourned at 6:15 pm. All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Hiding, Secretary