



SACG Monthly Meeting

November 21, 2022

Library, lower level

Welcome – President Harms welcomed 13 members in attendance at 6:00 PM. There were no guests.

Secretary Report – Jill Hidingier asked for a motion to accept the October meeting minutes. Jim Hidingier and Jean Fish motioned to accept the minutes as written. All Ayes.

Treasurer Report - Jay Herman reported funds available in the Regular checking account and the Savings /Memorial account. There was no income, or expense to report. There was one outstanding check in the amount of \$50 yet to be cashed. Its purpose was as a deposit on the meeting room at the library. To bring the checking account into balance, it was decided to issue that check as a donation to the library.

A thank you card was received from Mayor Lonnie on behalf of the city council and himself, for our participation and creation of a new logo, branding, and welcome signs in Shellsburg.

Committee Report

WELCOME TO SHELLSBURG SIGNS are up!!!!

Last Hometown Pride meeting was Nov. 16th with Jessica Johnson, Community coach

We reviewed the prioritization exercise of projects and established these:

1. Memorial Park Trail Completion
2. Downtown façade improvements
3. Mural refresh of Gold Medal mural

*Jessica is going to invite City of Anamosa to an upcoming meeting to talk about their downtown improvements. Our next meeting is December 14th

Park Master Plan subcommittee headed by Jim Hidingier is underway. Last met Nov. 8th to discuss Goals, Park Geography, Features, Community Suggestions, Layout, Prioritization, Funding, Promotion & Marketing.

- a. List of 26 potential features
- b. Goal is to prioritize them now by Cost, Complexity, and Impact
- c. Next meeting Nov. 29th

Old Business

Election of Officers/Board Members --Deb Oldakowski was elected 2023 President. Shelbie Williams elected 2023 Vice President. Phil Shaff and Ed Shaeffer will each serve another three-year term on the board. Vote was unanimous.

New Business

Board Meeting – The Board met on Nov. 10th and decided to make minor edits to the Bylaws. These changes were voted on and approved by membership. Starting with tonight’s meeting, we are introducing the following meeting norms: *Be Respectful, Be Purpose Driven, Stay on Task, Be Engaged & Present, Start & End on Time*. Additionally, SACG will offer a Lifetime Membership for \$250 per family, for one time cost.

Annual Audit - Nancy Thorkildson and Tricia Sheldon volunteered to perform the annual audit in January 2023.

December Social – Members are invited to Cranky Hanks Pizza Bank the evening of December 5th, to celebrate another year of making positive impacts in Shellsburg. More details to come.

Prairie Trail update - Jay Herman, Mayor Lonnie and Marlys Harms met with Kyle Koeppen to discuss putting a plan in place for maintaining the trail. Another meeting is scheduled yet this year to solidify that plan. Thank you to Phil Shaff for your participation, too and for mowing the trail!

Other

Nancy Thorkildson reviewed the various committees under SACG. After much discussion, we decided to include committees for Membership, and Big Day. Sue Herman announced she will no longer be involved in hanging holiday decorations going forward. Some discussion around forming a Holiday Committee that would oversee the Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas decorations, etc.

Thank you to Sue and Jay Herman for decorating the bridge, and others for hanging lights in City Park.

Sue Herman asked to be reimbursed for the purchase of string lights in the amount of \$109.22. Nancy Thorkildson motioned to reimburse Sue, with Ed Shaeffer making a second. All Ayes.

Jim Hiding asked to be reimbursed for park prints for the Park Master Planning Committee. Sandra Beatty motioned to reimburse Jim in the amount of \$74.70. Sue Herman seconded. All Ayes.

We adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hiding