



## **SACG Monthly Meeting**

**September 16, 2024**

**Library, lower level**

Welcome – President Deb Oldakowski welcomed 14 members at 6:10 PM.

Secretary Report – Jill Hiding asked for any edits to the August minutes. Marlys Harms asked that Phil Shaff be acknowledged as helping with the Corn Hole game on Big Day, and that Stacy Applegate’s daughter be mentioned for riding on the SACG float during Big Day. Tim Peters and Scott Hepker motioned to accept the changes. All Ayes.

Treasurer Report – Jay Herman provided an overview of money accounts as noted: Regular Checking balance, Savings/Memorial balance, two 9-month CD balances, and the Mural restoration account balance. Nancy Thorkildson motioned to transfer the funds from Mural Restoration into Checking to cover the shortfall from funds raised. Jim Hiding and Tim Peters accepted, All Ayes. Jay also reported line by line, SACG’s Income and Expenses.

Jay led a discussion about reinvesting one of the CDs for another nine months. Tim Peters and Scott Hepker approved. All Ayes.

Shellsburg Endowment Fund – President Deb shared we now have \$18,498.12 in the fund.

### **Committee Reports**

Economic Development – Tim Peters reported Kyle Koeppen, Sup. VSSD is joining the committee. They are holding a celebration for the mural restoration completion on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at Local Edition. Scott Hepker said the wayfinding signs are ready to put up. Shane is going to help install. On behalf of business retention, Tim Meier, Jean Fish, Tim Peters and Nancy Thorkildson will present their idea to the City Council. Mention was made regarding mural plans for 119 Pearl St. have stalled out as they have not produced a way to fund it yet.

Parks – Jim Hiding reported the water fountain has been completed with help of the \$15,309 Delta Dental grant; and the shaded picnic area project is in progress. That project is being funded by a Benton Community Foundation grant of \$7,822 along with some SACG money and volunteer labor. A monetary gift from Jim and Jacque Hodgson will be used toward a memorial for Louis Gardemann. Jim Hiding says there are still projects on the horizon that have not moved forward, such as plans for wall art in the City Park’s bathroom that has twice been rejected for grants, and proposed picnic tables in City Park that are at a standstill. While

pickleball courts are exceedingly popular, they are also expensive. So, they are back to respecting and re quoting the project.

Membership – Nancy Thorkildson shared she has been organizing a SACG booth at the Midweek Market to garner awareness of SACG and to gain members. Her committee last met in late August. Nancy is talking with Blessed Duo out of Vinton for promotional attire. There will be an online ordering platform for members to place orders.

On Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a celebration to commemorate the completion of the Gold Medal Flour mural refresh at Local Edition from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Nancy asked members to bring a friend.

Holiday celebration will be at Wildcat on December 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be downstairs in the clubhouse and will be potluck style.

Special Events –

- a. Chocolate Walk - President Deb asked if anyone attended the chocolate walk. Marlys Harms, Nancy Thorkildson, and Jim Hidingier attended. Appeared to be an acceptable turnout.
- b. Midweek Market - Mary and Scott Hepker said Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> wrapped up the year. Will have a vendor celebration and cookout. Sixteen vendors and so far, fourteen members are expected to attend. Next year Hepker's plan is to run the event from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

**Old Business** - Nothing

**New Business** –

- a. President Deb mentioned the upcoming elections in November for SACG. Shelbie Williams is the President elect.
- b. Library – Marge McDonald, Library Director requested funds to support painting the interior of the library. Marge requested a letter of support from SACG, and we are obliged to do that for her. She has received an estimate from Corsco Painting. Marge is also seeking financial help by writing a request for a grant through the Benton Community Foundation. Volunteers will be needed to help paint. Jill Hidingier made a motion for SACG to pledge \$2,000 to assist the library project. Scott Hepker seconded. All Ayes.

**Adjourn** – We adjourned at 7:15 PM. All Ayes.