

The Odebolt Betterment Committee held their meeting Jan. 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. We had postponed the meeting from the previous week because of the weather. Present were Elaine Rex, Madeline Meyer, Kerry and Deb Reinhart, Joan Godbersen, Linda Godbersen, Howard Hustedt, Joel Ahart, Curt Wareham and Tammy Neuharth. Guest speakers were Sandy Host and Carol Raasch .

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: bank balance is \$7271.97 in checking. Savings for the triangle park upkeep is \$300.91.

Howard gave an update on the Downtown Greenspace plaque, stating that it would be ready to put in place in the spring. Howard will order a new United States flag from the American Legion to put up in the spring. It was decided to leave the Greenspace funds in the checking account until the project is complete.

Linda gave an update on the City park statue made by Twyla Godbersen. Eric Miller has the statue at school; Dale Godbersen would like to see if it needs sandblasting before painting.

Kerry gave update on the City Park Project, at this time we are waiting to hear from the Sac County Endowment Grant and the INS grant.

Election of officers was held and Kerry made a motion to keep the officers the same, Howard second. All ayes. The officers will be Madeline Meyer, Chairperson, Linda Godbersen, Co-Chairperson and Deb Reinhart, Secy/Treas.

Madeline suggested that we get our meeting date on the Rotary calendar for next year. She will talk to Jim Meyer about having this done.

Sandy Kessler Host gave a report on the work that she has done on the renovation of the Richland #1 Country School and the book that she has written titled "Iowa's Lost Treasurer-The Rural School System 1858-1953.". She has done a lot of research on this project and would like to have the school moved to the vacant lot west of the Downtown Greenspace and become part of the Odebolt area tourism. A majority of the school's furnishings and documents have been located. She was at the meeting asking for our support on this matter and after much discussion Howard made a motion for the Odebolt Betterment Committee to show their support on the project of moving and renovating the Richland #1 Country School to the 70' lot west of the Greenspace. Tammy seconded this motion. All ayes, no nays.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 8 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.