

The Odebolt Betterment Committee met March 8, 2011 at 6:00 at the Downtown Café. Present were Linda Godbersen, Joan Godbersen, Phyllis Franken, Kerry and Deb Reinhart, Jack Bensley, and Carol Raasch .

Linda called the meeting to order. Jack motioned to accept the February minutes as written, Joan seconded. All ayes.

The treasurer's report is \$7201.97 with breakdown as followed:

City Park: \$2446.58

Downtown Greenspace: \$4594.39

Tree match: \$100.00

Sign Landscaping: \$61.00

There is \$300.91 in savings for the upkeep for the Triangle Park.

Kerry gave an update on the City Park. We will be receiving \$7071.55 from the Sac Co. Endowment Foundation, \$5000.00 from the City of Odebolt and \$1300.00 from INS for this project. Kerry has contacted all of the contractors so that we are on their schedule for the summer. He has also ordered some of the supplies that he will need for the project.

Linda gave an update on the park statute. Dale has talked to Twyla Godbersen about the size of base that is on the statute and maybe cutting it down. Twyla stated that she did not want the base cut down and she did not want it placed on the pedestal. So at this time we are thinking that it may be used in a flower bed.

Howard was not present at the meeting but asked that we mention the update on the contributor plaque that Christensen-Huffman is working on. Scott Huffman is drawing up a new plan and will send it over for us to look at. This new plan will be 3 stones set on a foundation, placed between the pergola and the flag pole. We are planning for this to be done by Creek Days.

Carol Raasch was present to represent the Richland #1 Country School. Linda stated that she and Deb have been working on the Keep Iowa Beautiful grant for renovation of old buildings. We have completed a rough draft of this grant, as Sandy had asked, and passed it on to Carol to put the finishing touches on. Linda passed on Howard's info that Sandy should get a list of her pledges and letters of intent for her grants that she will be filling out. Linda also stated she had a free lance writer from Ida Grove that was interested in following this story and would try to publish this story in Iowa magazines. Deb will contact Sandy and try to get a meeting set up for the 12<sup>th</sup> of March to see what Sandy wants from the Odebolt Betterment Committee.

The next meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Downtown Café.