

## **Cromwell Area Community Club Meeting Minutes**

February 2, 2023

The CACC meeting was called to order by President Kim Ochocki at 5:08 pm on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at the Cromwell Pavilion. Members present were Deb Switzer, Lynn Odegaard, Kim Ochocki, Rob Switzer, Tracey Goranson, Jackie Freiermuth, Tom Ochocki, Brenda Nyberg, and Sharon Zelazny. Guests present: Cromwell-Wright Superintendent Nathan Libbon and Daisy Johnson.

Kim introduced Superintendent Libbon who gave an informative update on the upcoming school referendum vote scheduled for February 14.

A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Tom to approve the agenda with deletion of January treasurer's report. AIF. MC.

A motion was made by Sharon, seconded by Rob to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2022 Annual Meeting as written. AIF. MC.

**Treasurer's Report** - Brenda presented report for December. Available balance as of 12/31/22 is \$19,508.80. Discussion of \$5,000 earmarked for table/benches for Gazebo. \$198.23 earmarked for next year's Chilloween. Brenda also presented 2022 revenue (\$14,557.00) and expense (\$12,414.00) report sorted by category. Discussed goal of creating a budget so each event chair has more autonomy in spending for their event, and to track revenue vs. expense for each event.

**Mayor's Update** - Mayor Sharon reported:

- Peter's Hardware building sale was finally closed last Thursday.
- A chiropractor is planning to open up a business in the old clinic after the medical clinic moves to the new building.
- A business person is interested in opening a dog grooming business.
- Another person is interested in opening a mobile coffee hut.
- Highway 73 project for the 8 miles south of Cromwell is moving forward with a design meeting scheduled for Friday, February 3. A question was raised whether there could be another driveway to the school off Highway 73 south of the school. A recent accident on Highway 210 after a football game caused a two hour delay for many vehicles to be able to leave the school parking lot. The Mayor will bring this up at the meeting.
- The City is seeking a clerk.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Christmas with Santa** - Sharon reported the event was successful with 27 kids, mostly preschoolers.

**Welcome Basket Project** - Sharon reported the City Council will hold a working session to address tourism and promotion. The City is interested in supporting the Welcome Baskets. They ordered note pads to include in the baskets. City will possibly pay half of the printing costs for the brochure. Kim researched printing costs with five vendors; Valley Printing was lowest cost at \$310.00 for 100 copies. Deb made a motion to have the 13 page brochure printed at Valley Printing; Tom seconded. AIF. MC. It was noted the brochures will be inserted into plastic folders which is not included in the cost. Kim also handed out information on promotional products with CACC logo to include in baskets. Members were asked to review the options so we can make a decision next month.

**Membership Update** - 19 members paid 2023 dues prior to tonight's meeting. Received dues from three members at the meeting. Officers have discussed ways to encourage members to pay their dues on a timely basis so we are not trying to collect dues all year. Deb will send out reminders with a return envelope to those members not yet paid. May consider a method to pay dues and other fees or donations online via our CACC website.

**Ice Skating Rink** - Jackie knows someone with experience in setting up ice rink. Mayor Sharon stated the cost for ice skating rink set up is a one-time fee, then city personnel would manage it. Lynn stated we should check if fire department was willing to flood it at night since city maintenance worker works day shift. A grant application was sent in to LCP's Operation Round-up to request funding for the project.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Minnesota Sings** - Correspondence from Ann Markusen was reviewed. Club members suggest holding our local competition before the end of the school year. Kim will follow up with Ann.

**Father Daughter Dance** - Jackie reported the dance is set for Saturday, February 25 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Volunteers have been recruited. Daisy Johnson will help again this year. High school girls will help with music; Mickey Heaser's equipment will be borrowed. Sydney Lough will help. Decorations were donated or saved from last year. Theme is "Under the Sea". Posters are ready. Advertising on Facebook and school. Kim will place newspaper ads. Discussed cleaning. **Rob made a motion to pay \$100 for cleaning after the event** (either Saturday night or Sunday morning if Pavilion is not rented for Sunday). Tracey seconded. AIF. MC.

**CACC Committees** - Kim stated the officers met and discussed setting up committees for various events or activities. Each committee would have a chair with a budget and autonomy to recruit volunteers and assign duties. The committee chair would give updates at monthly CACC meetings. This would allow us to reach out to the community to recruit more volunteers and make our meetings run more smoothly. Suggested ideas for committees (included but not limited to):

- Father-Daughter Dance Committee
- Chilloween Committee
- Program Committee (hold programs on topics of interest)
- Nominating Committee (recruit officers in advance of annual meeting)
- Harvest Fest Committee
- Hunter's Supper Committee
- Gardening Committee

Members were asked to think about this before our next meeting when more members are present.

**Donation Request** - A request was received from Tri-Community Food Shelf. Question if this is a matching funds request. Rob made a **motion to donate \$250** during February or March, whichever is most advantageous to the food shelf. Tom seconded. AIF. MC.

**City Projects Request** - Mayor Sharon stated the city has some projects they request help with. Will discuss next month when more members are present.

**Next Meeting Date** - March 2 at 5 pm at the Pavilion.

**Adjournment** - Motion by Tom, seconded by Rob, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Deb Switzer, CACC Secretary