

**Cromwell Area Community Club
March 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The CACC meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Lynn Odegaard, at 5:06 p.m. on Thursday, March 2nd, 2023. Members present were Jennie Hanson, Sharon Zelazny, Barb Dahl, Lindsay Lally, Cherie Nyberg, Lynn Odegaard, Brenda Nyberg and Britta Axlund.

A motion was made by Sharon, seconded by Lindsay, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Barb, seconded by Sharon to approve the minutes from the February 2nd, 2023 meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Brenda presented the January and February 2023 financial reports noting both reports reconcile to bank statements and also reflect earmarked funds for picnic tables (\$5,000) and 2023 Chilloween (\$198.23). End of month balances which account for earmarked funds, reflect \$14,480.57 for January and \$14,812.97. A motion was made by Barb Dahl, seconded by Jennie Hanson, to approve the January and February 2023 treasurer's reports. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor's Update – Sharon mentioned that she received donations from Dollar General for next year's Santa visit event. There is a public meeting/listening session to be held on April 5th at the pavilion regarding the Highway 73 re-do project. The medical clinic will move into their new space at the Soderbloom building next week and a chiropractor will occupy the vacated clinic space. The pavilion committee is soliciting an estimate to create a plan that includes cost estimates on pavilion updates desired for the park. Carlton County Historical Society contacted Cromwell Historical Society to discuss the idea of providing tours of historical locations during the Harvest Festival. At the last CACC meeting, during the presentation on the school referendum project, it was asked whether a secondary driveway onto the school property could be constructed off of Highway 73. During the meeting it was stated that the school has explored that option several times with MNDOT however, as Sharon met with MNDOT officials regarding Highway 73 improvements, Jim Mills of MNDOT claimed that they had never been approached regarding the option. That information would be relayed to Supt. Libbon.

MNs Sings Update – Ann Markusen was not present to give an update. CACC still needs to register and it was mentioned that Ann previously suggested the Cromwell Sings competition be held at Wrong Days in Wright.

Father/Daughter Dance Update – Brenda provided an update on the event held in February. 38 girls were in attendance with \$830 taken in for registrations. Expenses totaled \$390 with a net profit of \$440.

Welcome Baskets – Sharon talked to the Mayor of Wright about partnering on the baskets. Wright will discuss it at their next City Council meeting.

Promotional Items – the group discussed various promotional items CACC could purchase for the welcome baskets. Fabric bags with CACC's logo and information could be used instead of baskets which would be CACC's contribution to the welcome package. Motion by Lynn, seconded by Britta, to purchase bags to use as promo items for the welcome basket project. All in favor, motion carried.

Membership Update – there are 38 paid members, including Jennie Hanson who paid at the meeting.

Other – Britta would like to host a spring/Easter sign-making event possibly during the first week of April. She will contact city hall to check on pavilion availability in order to schedule a date.

Committee/Self Defense – Brenda explained that CACC is always seeking involvement for events and new ideas for events to sponsor. Community members can serve on committees for specific initiatives or events rather than be involved in all CACC events. It was also mentioned that a community member had the idea of hosting a self-defense class for women. Jennie Hanson also suggested a donation to the MN Sheriff's Association. She will ask Sheriff Kelly Lake to provide information on the association. Cherie noted that she has initiated conversations about the school hosting a drug awareness presentation at the school. It was suggested that other topics such as human trafficking, kidnapping, and overall awareness be included in a presentation at the school. Jennie mentioned that CACC could consider doing a lifetime membership rate for members as an option to an annual membership fee. She also mentioned that there was a ventriloquist she had seen recently that was fantastic and could be an option for Harvest Fest entertainment. Following suit with the school's book exchange that was held, Britta mentioned that it would be a good idea to have an adult/community book exchange.

The next CACC meeting is scheduled for April 6th, 2023 at 5:00 pm at the pavilion.

A motion was made by Lindsay, seconded by Jennie to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. All in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,

Brenda Nyberg (acting secretary)