

**Cromwell Area Community Club  
August 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The CACC meeting was called to order by President, Kim Ochocki, at 5:16 p.m. on Thursday, August 3, 2023. Members present were Dee Debele, Tom Ochocki, Tracey Goranson, Kim Ochocki and Lynn Odegaard. Guest: Keith.

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

A motion was made by Dee, seconded by Tom to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2023 meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – No report

**Mayor's Update** – Mayor Sharon gave Kim a brief update to share. A huge thank you to everyone who came out and weeded the rain garden. It was such a big job and was hard work. She thinks we live in an amazing community when she sees how people “step up” to help! You may have noticed the Coffee Hut behind City Hall. Samantha Schofield will be opening soon. It's a nice addition to our community. A while back, the club had requested that the mayor look into an upgrade for the existing electrical panel (which would include additional outlets) that is used by the food vendors. The food vendors use between 30-50 amp services. The city is covering the cost of hooking up the underground service that was moved when the parking lot was paved. Also, she is hoping to apply for another grant from LCP to hopefully help fund a new stove, along with a top griddle for the pavilion. The cost of the new stove is about \$2,300 and the griddle is between \$250 and \$300. She would like to have the club apply for the grant again. Deadline for filing is August 15<sup>th</sup>.

After much discussion Motion by Tom O., seconded by Dee D. to NOT proceed with additional power at this time. All in favor, motion carried.

Dee D. made a motion to apply for the grant through LCP to use towards the purchase of a new stove/griddle for the kitchen at the pavilion, seconded by Tracey G. All in favor, motion carried. Kim has agreed to work on the grant, which is due August 15.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Resident Guide** – Kim reported that we have other businesses in the community that would like to add brochures to our welcome baskets. We are looking for volunteers to deliver these to new community members.

**Food License** – Lynn will fill out and get our application for a food license in before our first event.

**Outdoor furniture** – the picnic and garbage receptacle have been ordered. The receptacle should be here on Monday. The table takes longer.

**MN Sings Update** – Ann Markusen was not present to give an update. The Cromwell Sings competition will possibly be held during the Harvest Festival. It was not held at Wrong Days.

**Hot Dog Stand** – Lynn will work on getting the stand up and running for a fundraiser on August 20<sup>th</sup> during the Craft Fair at the Chiropractic Clinic. We will keep it simple and have Hot Dogs, Brats, Chips, Lemonade and maybe bars. Lynn will solicit help for the day.

**Raffle Ticket Distribution** – Raffle tickets are available from Deb Switzer.

**Other** – We have received two donations to be used towards the Harvest Festival expenses. Thank you to Atkins Northland Funeral Home (\$75) and Nelson Funeral Care (\$50) for the donations.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Harvest Festival T-Shirts** – Lynn will get a link from Nicole Fogarty for the T-Shirts. We are going with a simple design with no date, so we can use them again. If you are interested in purchasing one, watch for the link on Facebook or our website. It would be helpful for volunteers to wear a shirt, so guests know who they can talk to if they have questions. The public is also invited to purchase shirts.

**Harvest Festival** – Will be held September 8, 9 and 10, 2023. Our next HF planning meeting is on Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pavilion. This will be our final planning meeting before the big weekend. Things are falling into place, but we are still up in the air about a parade. If anyone would like to step up and volunteer to organize a parade, we would love your help. Pamela has found someone to donate a quilt for the quilt raffle which will take place during the Harvest Festival. We have prices from Brent's Biffies for the weekend. \$115 for a regular one, and \$200 for the handicapped one. Lynn will work on getting the posters finalized next week. We will need volunteers to hang the posters in the surrounding communities.

**Cleaning crew for Harvest Festival** – we will discuss this at our next meeting. We are looking for volunteers to clean up after all the festivities. This may be a paid job, if we do not get volunteers to step up.

**Backpack/Back to School Event** – We will look at having this next year, as there weren't enough volunteers to get it done this year.

Our next Community Club meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 7 at 5:00 p.m. at the Pavilion.**

A motion was made by Tracey, seconded by Tom to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. All in favor, motion carried: meeting adjourned.

*Submitted by Lynn Odegaard (acting secretary)*