

Cromwell Area Community Club Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2023

The CACC meeting was called to order by President Kim Ochocki at 5:05 pm on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at the Cromwell Pavilion. Members present: Deb Switzer, Kim Ochocki, Tracey Goranson, Lindsay Lally, Cherie Nyberg, Rob Switzer, Sharon Zelazny, Pamela Lamb and Dee Debele. Guests present: Krysta Konieska.

A motion was made by Sharon, seconded by Cherie to approve the agenda as presented. AIF. MC.

A motion was made by Dee, seconded by Lindsay to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2023 meeting as written. AIF. MC.

Treasurer's Report - Kim reviewed Brenda's reports for July, August and September. Motion by Deb, seconded by Cherie to approve the July report. AIF. MC. Motion by Dee, seconded by Tracey to approve the August report. AIF. MC. Motion by Cherie, seconded by Tracey to approve the September report. Noted that Brent's Biffies invoice was \$315, not \$400 as estimated. AIF. MC.

Harvest Fest income/expenses worksheet (rough) was reviewed. Noted approximately \$3321.72 net income from Harvest Fest not counting the portable toilets. If there are other expenses to be paid, please get them to Brenda.

Mayor's Update - Mayor Sharon reported:

- A real possibility for a restaurant is in process; to be located at corner of Burnett St. and Highway 210 (east of chiropractor). The business person also owns several area restaurants.
- Someone is looking at a possible bistro and coffee shop in the Peters Hardware building. No definite plans yet.
- Paving at the park is completed.
- The Coffee Hut should be open by October 16. This was delayed due to problems getting permits from state.
- A CACC committee was suggested to help select Christmas decorations for the new street light poles on main street. Brackets are not yet installed. There is electricity at the poles. CACC was asked to consider donating to the project. Will put on next month's agenda.
- The Lundin Building was discussed. There is someone interested in buying it but the MPCA case has reopened and additional holes for vapor are needed. This has been delayed for a long time. Suggested contacting state legislators.

OLD BUSINESS:

Welcome Bags - Kim brought the welcome bags to the meeting and showed members what is in each bag. The bags are to be distributed to new residents by CACC members. A list of addresses was presented and each CACC member is asked to deliver bags to 3-5 new residents. Members present signed up to do this. Members not present tonight should contact Kim to get bags and select which addresses to deliver to.

Membership Update: 37 paid members including Shawna Smith. Pamela Lamb paid dues for Lenny at tonight's meeting resulting in 38 paid members.

Lake Country Power Operation Round-up Grant for New Stove: \$1500 was awarded to CACC for new gas range for kitchen at Pavilion. Mayor Sharon stated she has written a grant request to North Pine Riders for the remaining \$1500 including the cost of a griddle attachment. This stove would replace the grill.

Pavilion Renovation Grant: Mayor Sharon is seeking funding to hire a grant writer to write grant applications for renovating the interior of the pavilion, including kitchen, electrical wiring, heating system, new bathrooms, moving a wall to re-route traffic in kitchen. It was mentioned there are several windows needing repair/replacement. The 3 compartment sink would be retained, all other kitchen equipment replaced.

Ice Rink Grant: A grant application to Essentia Foundation in Moose Lake is pending. There has been a transition of new people at the Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Raffle - There are quite a few tickets to sell; sales are slow so far. Deb will make rounds at businesses where tickets are being sold. Members are asked to contact Deb to get more tickets and sell them. Will also sell at Red Bird Bazaar and Hunter's Supper.

MN Sings - Deb reported on the audition held a couple weeks ago. Aurora Gervais will be first contestant, Mya "Jack" Einberger alternative in the youth category. No adult contestants; need more advanced notice. Discussed amount to sponsor the contestants to be possibly raised next year. Motion by Sharon, seconded by Pamela to give each contestant \$100 for travel expenses. AIF. MC.

Chilloween - Traditionally held the Friday before Halloween which would be October 27. Jackie has posted on Facebook that it is "back on" but no other details were provided.

Choir Trip Funding/Bingo - A request for sponsoring a Bingo on October 28 to raise funds for high school choir trips was discussed but not felt to be feasible. A motion was made by Deb to donate \$200 towards choir trips. Pamela seconded. AIF. MC. It was noted the students fundraising for Washington DC trip were able to raise funds by selling ice cream at Harvest Fest.

Red Bird Bazaar - Cherie and Pamela will staff the CACC table at November 4 craft sale. Kim will talk to Brenda to get \$10 registration sent in.

Fall Advertising - Motion by Lindsay, seconded by Pamela to advertise Hunter's Supper in Voyageur Press and Pine Knot. AIF. MC. Then further discussion took place resulting in amended motion by Lindsay, seconded by Pamela to advertise Hunter's Supper two weeks in Voyageur Press for \$35 first week and \$25 second week (10/25 and 11/1) and one week in Pine Knot (10/27) (approx. \$45). AIF. Motion carried.

Hunter's Supper - Reviewed task list for supper to be held Friday, November 3, 4-7 pm. Menu will be turkey dinner, dressing, mashed potatoes, vegetable, cranberries, gravy, roll, pumpkin pie and beverage. Decided price should be increased to \$15 adults, \$7 age 5-10, under 5 free. Lynn will be asked to make posters. Posters will be delivered as follows:

- Rob - Park Lake, Mahtowa, Tamarack
- Brenda or Kim - Kettle River
- Tracey - Cromwell, Sawyer, Wright
- Sharon - Floodwood

→ Kim will contact radio and newspapers/Jennie's column/bus bulletin.

→ Lynn will be asked to paint new date on sandwich boards; Tom and Kim will put them out and pick up.

→ Brenda to get cash box by 3:30 pm.

→ Cherie will order food through Villa; buns from Wright Coop; pies from Sam's Club. We have a \$100 gift card from Walmart which arrived too late for Harvest Fest use.

→ Cherie will make stuffing. Deb will make potatoes (instant). Kim will put out a request to members to volunteer for food prep, afternoon set up, serving, clean up. Will ask Cromwell Self Serve to donate 4-6 gallons of milk.

Harvest Fest Recap - Discussed this year's Harvest Fest. Lots of good feedback on music in the park, beer garden, bean bags, candy toss, grand marshal event. It was suggested to add the kiddie parade next year. Discussed overflow parking behind playground on grassy area. Need no parking cones near food vendors. Possibly too many food vendors? The vendor bingo card was a success with 40 completed cards turned in for the drawing which was won by Sarah Levinski. Clowns/balloons/face painting was a success. Krysta thanked the group for supporting the beer garden and requesting no personal coolers. Pancake Breakfast on Saturday was wonderful. Pie Social could possibly be longer next year and only 2 pails of ice cream are needed. Shawna reported the Alzheimer's Walk raised over \$2000 (exceeded goal) and will do again next year. Rob will organize a parade next year if back alley paving is completed. Having separate planning meetings worked

out well. Possibly have our last planning meeting a week or so earlier to allow time to get posters out for Scarecrow contest and Medallion Hunt.

Thank You Notes Received - Kim read an appreciation letter from City of Cromwell acknowledging the successful 2023 Harvest Fest and the value of our organization to our little city. A thank you was received from Tri-Community Food Shelf for the donation from Community Worship offering.

Next Meeting Date - Thursday, November 2 at 5 pm at the Pavilion.

Adjournment - Cherie motioned to adjourn, Dee seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Submitted by: Deb Switzer, CACC Secretary