

Cromwell Area Community Club Meeting Minutes April 9, 2024

The CACC meeting was called to order by President Cyndi VanSkyock at 5:04 pm on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at the Cromwell Pavilion. Members present: Deb Switzer, Rob Switzer, Jared Block, Cyndi VanSkyock, Sharon Zelazny, Todd Harp, Tracey Goranson, Lynn Odegaard, Elissa Wilson, Lindsay Lally, Jennie Hanson. Guests present: Daisy Johnson, Macie Hoffman

A motion was made by Sharon, seconded by Tracey to approve the agenda with additions of donation requests from Carlton County Retired Educators and Washington DC Trip. AIF. MC.

A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Todd to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2024 meeting as presented. AIF. MC.

Treasurer's Report - Cyndi reviewed Brenda's reports for February and March. February report was amended to include John Grones name in list of membership dues deposited. March balance is \$26,079.50 with \$6,422.48 earmarked. Available balance is \$19,657.02. Additional expense to be paid not listed on report of \$224.58 for Father/Daughter dance expenses. Motion by Lynn, seconded by Lindsay to approve reports. AIF. MC.

Mayor's Update - Mayor Sharon reported on the following:

Since last meeting, an urgent issue came up with the Island Lake ball field. The club was asked to get involved because the school parking lot will be torn up this summer necessitating the use of Island Lake Ball Field for summer youth softball/baseball. The CACC President and Mayor submitted a \$10,000 grant request to the Irving Foundation.

Small Cities Development Grant for pavilion renovation was discussed. \$600,000 federal grant plus \$60,000 from the City. A letter of interest was submitted and response shows it as a "Viable Grant" which is the first step. A detailed application is due April 17. Goal to complete winter and spring of 2024-2025. Mayor would fundraise for the city's portion.

City Clerk Position is open again. Advertising for this. McGregor City Clerk is helping out remotely. Someone will be in office to answer phones.

The Fire Department was thanked for burning the burn pile; a second burn will be needed. Toilet/Trail lights/Volleyball Courts will be completed by June 30 deadline. Will start on toilet soon.

City applied for Local Road Improvement Program grant for south and north alleys but was not selected for this highly competitive state funding. The city has funds to pave the north alley. Bids will be going out soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas with Santa: Sharon reported it was a success with approximately 30 kids; up from 25 last year; Pinnows were wonderful.

Membership Update: Deb reported 35 paid members. Invited tonight's guests to join if interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

Father/Daughter Dance - Daisy reported it went well; same number of kids as last year. Went smoother. \$670 receipts less expenses. Tracey stated there is interest in a Mother/Son dance. Cyndi will contact Luke Swenson who is interested in helping. Need a coordinator.

Easter Egg Hunt - Very successful with 30-40 kids despite the snow. With parents there were over 80 people. Had to move it to the school as Pavilion was booked.

Holiday Lights - Derek is seeking a \$2500 grant from Great River Energy and others. CACC discussed waiting until results of grant requests before committing a dollar amount to donate.

Harvest Fest - Dates are September 6-8, 2024. Once the alley paving date is known, we can discuss parade. Cyndi is reaching out to vendors. So far only one food vendor confirmed.

Event Chairs were discussed as follows:

Scare Crow Contest/Medallion Hunt: Tracey and Lynn - Ideas for scarecrow contest included asking businesses to sponsor/compete. Get the word out sooner. Leave up entire Halloween season if secured properly.)

Steak Fry: Deb- will ask Cherie to co-coordinate again.

Pancake Breakfast - Saturday am: Cyndi will ask Krysta or Pamela if interested again.

Alzheimer's Walk: Shawna?

Parade/Candy Toss:- Rob

Craft and Food Vendors: Cyndi (anyone else willing to help?)

Bean Bags and Volleyball: Danny Nyberg?

Pie Social: Lindsay and Dee? Barb? Will check notes on times from last year. Need to serve ice cream with pie.

Ice Cream Sales: ??

Clown, face painting or "Goat Yoga": Lynn will check costs of Goat Yoga which was explained as a fun event.

Chicken Poop Contest: Lisa Irving?

Music in the Park with River Hill Rangers: Tracey will see if they are willing.

Horse Show Sunday: Riverside Saddle Club

Community Worship: Bethany? Rolls and coffee prior to worship went well.

Daisy Johnson and Macie Hoffman were present from the Fire Department. Fire Department is very interested in participating in Harvest Fest as follows:

Water Ball Fight between CWFD and neighboring Fire Departments. Need a location with space and hydrants. Two trucks with a ball in the air; compete to keep the ball in the air. This would be a big draw.

Bingo Night at Fire Hall (check with Jen if CACC is doing bingo)

Obstacle Course for kids with turn out gear - either at Fire Hall or Pavilion

Parade entries of fire trucks

Gazebo Sign - Lynn asked for input on sign. It was felt we need a Welcome to Cromwell sign hanging under street side of Gazebo plus a plaque listing the donors to the Gazebo project. Industrial Arts department is willing to create sign; need to get done before end of school year. Lynn will get costs/design for next meeting. It was noted the Christmas wreath should come down.

Authority for Officers to Spend up to \$XXX - Motion by Jennie, seconded by Rob to allow officers to spend up to \$200 for items that come up between meetings. An email should go out to members to state what was purchased. AIF. Motion carried.

Planters: Motion by Lynn, seconded by Todd to allow up to \$500 for plants. AIF. Motion carried. Mayor stated the planters need to be moved to desired locations SOON, as Maintenance Dept. will be cleaning sand from sidewalks. Planters will need to come off the sidewalks next year as in the past. Cyndi will check with Kim to see if she is interested in planting again. Jessica Line was also a possibility, along with Derek and Brandon.

Road Side Clean Up: Discussed date of April 27, which is same as Prom. Decided to keep this date. Discussed asking students to help. Meet at Gazebo by Northview Bank at 10 am. Lynn will organize lunch. Bring your own tools, gloves. Deb and Cyndi will check on trash bags and vests, which are in storage building; may need to get more bags from MnDOT in Carlton.

Requests for Donations - A donation request from Carlton County Retired Educators for supplies for the Little Red School House at the Carlton County Fair was received. Deb moved to donate \$100, Sharon seconded. AIF/Motion carried.

Washington DC trip - Will ask Lea Tiili-Anderson to attend next month's meeting to explain the nature of the trip/organization who sponsors it, etc. A suggestion after the meeting was to ask this group of nine students if they would help with roadside cleanup. The trip is scheduled for July 2024.

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

Adjournment - Rob motioned to adjourn, Todd seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Submitted by: Deb Switzer, CACC Secretary