

Cromwell Area Community Club Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2024

The CACC meeting was called to order by President Cyndi VanSkyock at 5:03 pm on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at the Cromwell Pavilion. Members present: Deb Switzer, Rob Switzer, Jared Block, Cyndi VanSkyock, Sharon Zelazny, Jen Anderson, Tracey Goranson, Dianne Knobens, Janet Sworski, Derek Nyberg, Jennie Hanson. Guests present: Krysta Konieska

A motion was made by Deb, seconded by Tracey to **approve the agenda as written**. AIF. MC.

A motion was made by Derek, seconded by Jared to **approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024** meeting as presented. AIF. MC.

Treasurer's Report - Cyndi reviewed Brenda's reports for April. April balance is \$26,425.22 with \$6,422.48 earmarked. Available balance is \$20,002.74. Food license of \$95.00 yet to be paid. **Motion by Rob, seconded by Sharon to approve report.** AIF. MC.

Tax Return and Annual Reporting - Brenda emailed the accountant about 2023 tax return. 2022 is complete. Usually file an extension. Dianne asked if we file our financials with the Attorney General yearly. Will check with Brenda. This is in addition to filing our annual non-profit registration with the Secretary of State.

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

- Toilet project starts tomorrow with digging/footings.
- August 23 Open House for the Park from 2 to 6 pm. Funding is part of the grant. Will include educational presentations, rain garden explanations, kids games, playground, showcase the work that has been done, food.
- **City Clerk Position** is still open.
- Irving Community Club has not responded to the **grant request for Island Lake Softball Field**. City is moving ahead using volunteers and city funds. Bleachers are being removed as dilapidated. Jen will check with Keith Kalli re: Irving Community Club. Mention was made of contacting the Twins organization for possible funding.
- Final bid documents for **paving back alley** are going out. Electric car charging station will be located at the liquor store.

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership Update: Deb reported 36 paid members.

Planters: Jessica Line agreed to plant them. They have been moved to desired location.

Gazebo Sign - No update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Holiday Lights - Cost for 8 lights at \$940.50 each is \$7500.00 plus \$1500 for shipping. Total \$9028.80. Derek is meeting with Great River Energy on May 20 to seek a \$2500 grant. Derek will start a Facebook campaign and boost it. Derek will create flyers to post around town. Jennie will include in her column. Goal to place order by mid-July. Will have a donation booth at Harvest Fest. Check with Kim if we can have a donation link on our web page.

Mother/Son Dance - Luke Swenson agreed to coordinate a dance this fall or winter.

Road Side Clean Up: Rescheduled to May 11 due to weather. Discussed asking students to help. **Meet at Gazebo by Northview Bank at 10 am. Bring your own tools, gloves.** Deb picked up bags and vests from MnDOT.

Washington DC trip - Jen outlined the nature of the trip scheduled for July 30-August 2. This is a voluntary trip organized under World Classroom Tours out of Duluth or Twin Cities. Area schools can sign up. Nine 7th - 9th grade students from Cromwell-Wright planning to attend. The group has raised quite a bit so far; Jen will

find out where they are at for funding the cost of \$2400 per kid. Decision on CACC donation tabled until next month.

Fall Raffle - Discussed whether to have a gun raffle again as Muni is not willing to sell tickets. Discussed doing a cash raffle instead. Motion by Rob, seconded by Jared to **hold a cash raffle to be drawn at 7 pm at Hunter's Supper**. AIF. Motion carried. Motion by Diane, seconded by Derek to **sell 1000 tickets with prizes of \$500, 3- \$100, 4-\$50**. AIF. Motion carried. Need to print "permit not required" on the tickets.

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 - Cherie /Deb to co-coordinate. Derek, Brandon, Shawna and Laura will assist.
- **Pancake Breakfast Saturday am:** Checking with Fire Dept.
- **Alzheimer's Walk:** Shawna will coordinate.
- **Parade/Candy Toss:** Rob (plans depend on back alley paving)
- **Craft and Food Vendors:** Cyndi/Jared - 20 craft vendors so far, one food vendor. Set up before 9 am.
- **CACC Hamburger/Hot Dog Stand:** Club will sponsor; need volunteers.
- **Bean Bags (adult and kids):** Danny Nyberg will coordinate. Not sure about volleyball.
- **Pie Social:** Lindsay and Dee? Barb? Last year we said to hold it from 11 to 2. 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 confirmed.
- **Music in the Park:** Decided to book Ron Jokimaki's band for \$750. 1-4 pm. Split the pot for helping pay for band.
- **Horse Show Sunday:** Riverside Saddle Club confirmed for 12 noon. CACC will do food stand.
- **Community Worship:** Bethany? Rolls and coffee prior to worship went well.
- **MUNI EVENTS** - Krysta confirmed the schedule for events to be held at muni.

Need to confirm with Fire Dept if the following will occur:

- **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
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DECIDED TO HAVE HARVEST FEST PLANNING MEETINGS SEPARATE FROM CACC MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

- **JUNE 6 AT 6 PM (FOLLOWING CACC MEETING)**
- **JUNE 18 AT 6 PM**

Next Meeting Date - Thursday, June 6 at 5 pm at Pavilion.

Adjournment - Jennie motioned to adjourn, Rob seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Submitted by: Deb Switzer, CACC Secretary