

## **Cromwell Area Community Club Meeting Minutes**

March 2, 2025

The CACC meeting was called to order by President Cyndi VanSkyock at 4:08 pm on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at the Switer garage. Members present: Deb Switzer, Cyndi VanSkyock, Lynn Odegaard, Cherie Nyberg, Donald Nyberg, Pamela Lamb, Rob Switzer, Elissa Wilson, Brenda Nyberg.

A motion was made by Cherie, seconded by Pam to **approve the agenda**. AIF. MC.

A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Cherie to **approve the minutes of the December 5, 2024** meeting as presented. AIF. MC.

**Treasurer's Report** - Brenda presented monthly reports for October, November, December, January and February. Ending balance available after earmarked funds is \$28,931.72. Hunter's Supper gross income was \$3,306 but still need expenses from Villa Court for food to determine net profit.

**Mayor's Update** - Mayor Sharon was absent but reported on the work towards replacing/repairing Holiday Lights after two of them fell down off the poles. The issue is what was sent did not match the brackets illustrated in what was ordered. If the company won't replace them, Soderblooms will design flag brackets that will also hold the lights securely.

**Welcome Bags** - Lindsay Lally and Pamela Lamb will be coordinating this going forward.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Holiday Lights** - see above.

**Membership Update:** Deb reported 22 paid members so far. We had 37 last year. Two new members joined at the Open House.

**Small Plaque for Gazebo** - Lynn presented info on a company in Duluth who can make a small sign for posting on a post. This will acknowledge that the gazebo was constructed by CACC through the help of community donors. She will go ahead and order.

**Bylaws Update:** Deb reported we received sample bylaws from Barnum Community Club and Lawler Area Community Club. Our current bylaws state Board of Directors meets monthly and have voting rights, and members only have voting rights at the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting. The history on this is we made a change several years ago to allow all members to vote at our monthly meetings. As a result, our Bylaws need to be changed to reflect this. One association has a board of directors up to twenty people and operates by allowing only board members to vote during monthly meetings. Other organization does not have a Board of Directors, just elected officers, and all members have voting rights. The club discussed options, including expanding the Board of Directors, but foresee problems with how to identify who is on the board of directors, who can vote and who cannot. The club then discussed simplifying the documents and deleting the article on Board of Directors altogether, and operate with elected officers and consider all paid members to be voting members at all meetings. This option was preferred and will require changes to our Articles of Incorporation, as well. Deb will contact attorney's office that prepared our initial Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.

**Get to Know Your Community Club** - The event was considered a success. Good food prepared by Pimpa. Two new members joined that evening.

**Annual Calendar** - Cyndi went over the annual calendar of events. Father Daughter Ball will be March 15. Discussed whether the Pavilion will be closed for remodeling in the fall - before or after Hunter's Supper.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Father-Daughter Dance:** Jackie Freiermuth is organizing this to be held March 15.

**Pavilion Renovation Update:** The City received a USDA grant of \$600,000 to renovate the Pavilion starting this upcoming winter. The City of Cromwell must raise \$70,000 as their share. The CACC discussed ways to fundraise for this portion. Possible Spaghetti Dinner in June with a silent auction/dance?? Lots of help from our membership will be needed. Will discuss further next month.

**MN Sings:** Correspondence received announcing there will be no city-sponsored sings events going forward. The contest is now open to up to 5,000 statewide singers. This will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

**2025 Harvest Fest:** Dates are September 5-7, 2025. Reviewed schedule of events, some of which have confirmed coordinators. Will work on confirming remaining events, looking for cleaners, other activities, etc. There will be a parade this year! Cindy has already sent out notices to vendors who bought spaces last year, and to businesses who donated stating if they confirm by June 1, they will be listed on the posters. Goal is to get details confirmed earlier this year to allow for better advertising. Discussed purchasing a Bouncy House. It must be stored in a warm location, possibly the upstairs of City Hall. Will look into this and discuss next month. Entertainment: Discussed options of music performers in the area. Motion by Deb, seconded by Lynn **to book a band for Music in the Park with cost limit of \$500.** AIF. Motion carried.

**Donation Requests:** Motion by Deb, seconded by Brenda to **donate \$250 each to Dollars for Scholars and Tri-Community Food Shelf.** AIF. Motion carried.

**Planters:** Discussed options for this year; discuss further at April meeting.

**Corner Garden by Food Shelf:** Lynn will ask Wanda Karppinen to be chairperson of committee to design low height planting.

**Tabled Items:**

Benches for Town/Pavilion park

Website Hosting - to decide by June 2025 if we want to continue with website.

**Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, April 3 at 5 pm at Pavilion.

**Adjournment** - Rob motioned to adjourn, Lynn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Submitted by: Deb Switzer, CACC Secretary