



Cromwell Arts Alliance

SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, April 11, 2022

6:00 pm

Virtual Meeting – Zoom info below

(Phone number: 1 646 558-8656, Meeting ID: 998 0261 9219, Password: 990451)

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Rosemary Matus, Wendy Wilkins, James Demetriades, Ann Grasso, Danielle Tencza, Paula Emanuele

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

II. Approval of agenda

Rosemary would like to add Memorial Day parade, Farmer's market and LGBTQ Art Show assistance to the agenda. Motion to approve the amended agenda made by Danielle T., seconded by Wendy W., motion carried.

III. Approval of minutes from the meeting on March 7, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2021 made by Danielle T, seconded by Ann G., motion carried.

IV. Public comments

None

V. Financial report

CMS forgot to include our add, we have decided to leave it as a donation for this year. Website renewal was \$268. Paper craft night deposit \$241.08 from Pay Pal. Our balance is \$3,365.12. we still have an uncashed \$25 check from the last rock hunt. Daniele will look into it and see what our options are (stop heck may be more expensive than the actual check). We need to decide what amount we will donate to the venue used for the Paper Craft Night. We will send a \$50 donation and send a note stating that based on the attendance this is the amount we could send. Danielle T will send the check.

VI. All other business

- a. **CCD Report** – moving along with events. The coffee house was a success. Paint by number mystery mural is moving along. Partnered with senior center and most night s have been filled. Prepping for birdies for charity. Volunteer call out for the block party event scheduled for July 30th (Aug. 6th rain date). Next 2 projects are a parking lot mural

for a parking space, the wings project will start once paint by numbers is complete. Coordinating time with Rich D. to complete the recordings for the historical society audio tours.

- b. **CCT Updates** – Dates are secured for the Laramie Project 9/14 to 9/17 at CHS. The performance will be 9/16 & 9/17. The LGBTQ committee has a few fundraisers for this event. Daniele brought up the Middle School project, specifically the auditorium. They are building a new school and deciding now the size of things. Danielle wrote a letter to explain what the community needs would be for an auditorium. The town is looking for opinions on this matter. Danielle will also submit an opinion letter on behalf of the CAA. Wendy will submit one of behalf of CCT. If anyone wants to submit their opinion we urge you to complete the online email form at [CMS Building Project - Contact Us \(google.com\)](#).
- c. **Scholarships** – need to publicize and make a push for more submissions. Will reach out via social media and through the schools. Rosemary will also reach out to Rich D. So far only 1 letter of recommendation came in.
- d. **CAA Meeting Day change** – The meeting dates have been set for the remaining of the year. We also have secured a room at town hall. We will keep the schedule that we have for this year and look to move to the second Monday of the month next year. We may on occasion schedule another special meeting if all members are not able to meet on the first Monday.
- e. **Social Media/website** – Continue what we are doing and make a push for the scholarships.

VII. 2022 Events

- a. **Traveling Bear Update** – Bear went to Matilda, we did not see any pictures. Danielle will ask the CMS drama director if he has any pictures from the kids. Next stop is Freddy's Pizza. Rosemary will deliver the Bear soon.
- b. **Paper Craft Night** – 10 participants. Feedback was very good. We will look to do another in the early fall.
- c. **Photo Contest** – while on a historical walk at Hillside Cemetery people were saying how beautiful it was. We could look to do a photo contest. This could be a good summer event. We probably would need categories: size of photo, black & white, in and around Hillside cemetery. This could turn into an annual event. We will need publicity. Wendy & Danielle will work on it with Rosemary.
- d. **Rock Hunt** – CAA will take part. We will do 20 rocks. The event will start on April 30th rocks will need to be dropped off a week before. Rosemary will handle the drop off. Anyone interested in painting rocks should contact Rosemary.
- e. **Poetry Night** – no response from the library. Will look to look to hold the event outdoors in early summer. Cromwell landing was brought up as a possible site for the poetry event. Paula will follow up with parks 7 rec and determine if location is available and if rental fee is waived.
- f. **Farmers Market** – We do not have a volunteer for this event this year. We may be able to do the farmer's market a couple times during the season. If so, we will handle the registration then. There may be a fee even for non-profit organizations.
- g. **Memorial Day Parade** – Received a letter inviting us to take place in the Memorial Day parade. It will be May 30th. Paula will add a call for volunteers via email.
- h. **LGBTQ Art Show** – They are looking to partner and hold an art show in the atrium of town hall in the month of June. James D. read the letter the LGBTQ submitted and

forwarded the letter to CAA inbox. Rosemary will contact the LGBTQ committee and get some additional details.

- i. **Others** – None

VIII. Public Comments – agenda items only

None

IX. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Wendy W, seconded by James D., meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Paula Emanuele

2022 Meeting Dates:

Starting in May our meetings will be held in person in the Senior Center Dining Room (at Cromwell Town Hall), we will also continue to have an open zoom conference for those wishing to join virtually.

January 3	April 4	*July 11	October 3
February 7	May 2	August 1	November 7
March 7	June 6	*September 12	December 5

*Meeting held on the second Monday of the month due to Holiday