



**Cromwell Arts Alliance Meeting**

**Monday, January 9, 2023**

**6:00 pm**

**Senior Center Dining Room (at Cromwell Town Hall)**

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**Attendees:** Paula Emanuele, Karen Allen, Rosemary Matus, Marj Lemon, Kathleen Johnson, Ann Grasso

**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to order**

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

**II. Approval of agenda**

Motion to approve made by Marj L., seconded by Karen A., motion carried

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

Motion to approve made by Rosemary M., seconded by Paula E, motion carried

**IV. Public comments**

Inquiries that came in and Danielle forward for awareness of this group. Cromwell Park & Rec is looking for a musical theater teacher Tuesdays 4:30 – 5:30 (5-9 year olds) and 6:00 – 7:00 (10-14 year olds) from January 17th to March 7<sup>th</sup>. Also Linda Groeper, Cromwell Senior Center Drama Club is looking for someone to give acting basics and staging tips.

**V. Financial report**

Donations received this reporting period: \$24.65 (Amazon Smiles), \$260.19 (Fall paper craft), \$85.00 (CNT Faculty Concert). Debits during this reporting period: \$246.32 (3D Glasses), \$200.00 (photo contest winners). Account balance is \$3,157.85.

**VI. All other business**

- a. **CCD Report** – wonderful Holiday decoration contest, thanks to JoAnne G and Rosemary M for all their help. The coffeehouse is coming up, 2/25 at 1 pm at the Belden room of the Belden public library. Discussions happening for the Summer Fest, more to come. Rock Hunt will be here soon (May). Work continues on the repurposing of the sewer garage. CCD will hire an engineer to assess the true state of the building. Once that is done, they will go back to the town council.
- b. **Social Media/website** – Poetry event information is on the website. Paula will archive last years minutes and create the schedule for this year. Marj will add a Facebook event for the poetry event and will send our Instagram reminders.

**VII. CAA Events**

- a. **Recap of Photo Contest** – Good response and we will look to do this event again this year. Rosemary will look to display all the entries at Town Hall in late January or early February. Our winners were: (History) – Kariann Cartwright; (Uniqueness) – Ashley Robak; (Peacefulness) – Nancy Green; (Nature was a tie) – Pat Branciforte & Dave Gilbert
- b. **Recap of Autumn Paper Craft Event** – Event was a lot of fun. There were 10 participants and the crafts were very well received. We will look to do this event again in the spring.
- c. **Poetry Event** – we have had 4 entries so far and 1 more inquiry. We will change the deadline date to 1/20. The event will be on 1/28 at 11 am. We will do a push on social media. Ann G will forward Paula E the email for Thomas F who is in charge of the Poetry group at Covenant Living and Paula will reach out
- d. **Traveling Bear Update** – CAA Bear was at the tree lighting and at the historical society open house. Rosemary will draw a winner and notify them. Rosemary will reach out to Hot Taco Street Kitchen.
- e. **Others** – Will need to plan for the craft event for March, Paint rocks in April

**VIII. Community Events**

- a. **Recap of Mayor’s Tree Lighting & Historical Society Open House** – 3D-Glasses were a big hit. They went very fast it was a good turnout.
- b. **Upcoming Events** – planning underway

**IX. Public Comments – agenda items only**

None

**X. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Kathy J, seconded by Karen A, meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Paula Emanuele

**2023 Meeting Dates:**

Meetings are held on the Second Monday of the month (unless it is a holiday) at 6:00 pm. We will continue to meet 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.

<del>January 9</del>	<b>April 10</b>	<b>July 10</b>	<b>* Tuesday October 10</b>
<b>February 13</b>	<b>May 8</b>	<b>August 14</b>	<b>November 13</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>June 12</b>	<b>September 11</b>	<b>December 11</b>

\*Meeting held on Tuesday due to Holiday