



**CHURCHILL SPIRIT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2025 - 7pm - Library**

1. Welcome and call to order: President, Kara Mowrey called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. The Secretary and Parliamentarian were in attendance.
2. In attendance: See attached sign in sheet. (Attendance taken via QR code.)
3. Inspirational quote given by Historian, Jeni Sandoval. "Your Work Matters."
4. Reports
 - 4.1. Secretary Report:
 - 4.1.1. Secretary, Erin Highley reported that the minutes from the February 19, 2025 meeting had been distributed for review. Yvonne Sterling made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried. Sandoval will add a page to the CSC website to post Membership Meeting minutes.
 - 4.1.2. CSC currently has 32 active members. Member recruitment for the 25-26 school year will kick off in the fall.
 - 4.2. Treasurer Report:
 - 4.2.1. Treasurer, Chris Balthrop reported that the Frost Bank checking account has a current balance of \$1,410.40. The amount includes memberships, donations, and sales from ads in the Dance Celebration program.
 - 4.2.2. Balthrop updated membership on the non-profit status of the CSC. We are currently awaiting approval, which can take up to six months.
 - 4.2.3. Balthrop is waiting on a few more items from the previous board to close out the former booster club with the IRS.
 - 4.2.4. Balthrop proposed that we designate Dance Celebration as one of our two tax free days for the 2025 calendar year. Mowrey made a motion to accept the proposal. The motion was seconded and carried.
 - 4.3. Administration Report: Mr. Perales reported that the campus has been busy as the school year wraps up. Senior Awards was a success with many of the spirit teams in attendance. Dance Celebration and banquets for all spirit teams are coming up.
 - 4.4. Director Reports:
 - 4.4.1. Maddie Cole, Lancer Dancer and Grenadier Drill Team director reported that the teams are winding down with Dance Celebration

practices. Cole reported that there is a lot of unique choreography in the performances. Dance and Drill banquet is coming up on Thursday, May 8th from 6 - 8 pm at Alamo Cafe. The banquet is just for students. Cole also reported that the new teams are up and running with practices.

4.4.2. Melissa Smith, Cheer director reported that the 25-26 teams have begun practices along with the incoming freshman. Cheer will perform three routines at Dance Celebration. Smith reported that Cheer's banquet is also coming up.

4.4.3. Siobhan O'Reilly, Gaelin Pep Squad director reported that Pep Squad will perform three routines at Dance Celebration. One routine from each of the two Pep Squad classes along with a combined routine. The new Pep Squad meeting will be held May 6th at 5:30 pm. O'Reilly is hoping for 60 members for the new school year. Pep banquet is coming up on May 7th in the WC cafeteria.

5. New Business

5.1. Nominating Committee: Mowrey made a motion to approve the following committee members: Erin Highley - Drill Team; Lynn Horvath - Cheer; Brenda Novak - Dance Team; Lauren Beldon - Pep Squad; Lina Centofani-Trease - Drill Team; Yvonne Sterling - Alternate. The motion was seconded and carried.

5.2. Willie's Fundraising Night is coming up on May 1st. You must tell your server that you would like to support CSC and make sure that it is on your ticket.

5.3. What a Night generated over \$300 in donations.

5.4. Mowrey reported that Emily Urban is working on a fundraising night at The Collection at The Alley. The date is currently set for June 5th. More details to follow.

6. Old Business

6.1. Dance Celebration, April 25th and 26th, 2025

6.1.1. Program updates (Kelly Keller/Chris Balthrop/Lynn Horvath): The team is working with Norton Lewis (NL) to produce a 5x8 program. Ads are selling well. Ads can be created in Canva. Current order is 200 programs for \$415. The team will reach out to get a new quote for 300 programs/150 programs per night. Each senior will receive a program and the remainder will be handed out to the audience.

6.1.2. Decorating updates (Heather Andis/Jeni Sandoval/Erin Highley): Andis has ordered balloons for a balloon arch to be constructed on Thursday after school. Sandoval is working on creating frames for the senior portraits to be hung in the entryway of the theatre. Highley will cut flowers at the District Resource Center for the event. The team will meet on Thursday to begin setting up decorations.

6.1.3. Silent Auction (Karen Farrell/Emily Urban/Kara Mowrey):

- 6.1.3.1. Baskets and silent auction donations are coming in steadily. Basket themes include: Fun & Fitness, Dinner & a Movie, Tea & Coffee, and Summer Fun. Urban has a list of all items that have come in and have been requested.
 - 6.1.3.2. Urban has set up the Auctria app for the silent auction. The auction will go live Thursday and will close during Intermission at Saturday's performance. Tables will be set up in the breezeway outside the auditorium. Volunteers will be needed to watch the items while the performance is going on.
 - 6.2. Banquet: Each spirit team vice president will work with team directors to determine decorating/volunteer needs.
- 7. Open Forum
 - 7.1. Balthrop suggested that we sell old spirit t-shirts at Dance Celebration for \$5/each to generate additional funds.
 - 7.2. CSC will cover the cost of Senior bouquets at Dance Celebration. Highley will purchase the materials and connect with senior families. Bouquets will include 5 red roses, baby's breath, and some greenery. There are 20 graduating seniors.
 - 7.3. Andis suggested [flipgive.com](https://www.flipgive.com) as a fundraising opportunity. Andis will research the platform further and report back.
 - 7.4. Andis would like to help put together a senior retreat/party for our outgoing seniors. A brunch, pool party, and other suggestions were made. Andis and Sterling will work together to see if something can be hosted before the end of the year. A senior retreat at the beginning of the year was also brainstormed.
- 8. Calendar:
 - 8.1. May 14 - Membership Meeting at 7 pm in the library (Officer Elections)
- 9. Mowrey adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Minutes submitted by Erin Highley, Secretary

Approved/approved as corrected on _____