

2010 Committee Meeting – Chadron’s 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration  
Summary of March 9, 2009 Meeting

The 2010 Committee met Monday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at the Dawes County Historical Museum. George Klein called the meeting to order.

Present: Merle Morford, Tammy Calamari, Don Huls, Don Blausey, Jan Storjohann, Karen Miskimins, Jan Adams, John and Mary Ann Schleicher, George and Emily Klein, Mary Vetter.

Reports:

Ag Day Committee: Don Huls presented the idea of moving Ag Day to Friday, July 9. The committee presented several reasons:

1. The possibility of getting the Budweiser Clydesdales – a request for the Clydesdales to participate in the Ag Day event, stay for the Fur Trade Days parade and remain in Chadron for a demonstration and presentation.
2. The tractors that have been invited to come for Ag Day would like to participate in the Fur Trade Days parade and stay for the weekend.
3. The cattle coming from Ft. Robinson would be easier to move on Friday than on Monday, July 5 (which would follow the Crawford celebrations that weekend).
4. Those coming to do the various display, demonstrations, etc., might stay the weekend if Ag Day was held on Friday. Art Halfhide has been contacted to bring military history displays. Jan Storjohann is in the process of making contacts for an “Old Time Photo” photographer.

After visiting about these reasons and the other activities that the Ag Day Committee has planned, it was agreed that CSC/Schools/Job Corps would share Friday with Ag Day.

The Ag Day Committee also plans to create a quasiquicentennial quilt in the log cabin design. The kits will be available for purchase to individuals, who will design their block and return it to the quilt shop. All of the blocks will be assembled – the 125<sup>th</sup> logo will be in the middle. The quilt will be done and unveiled at the Ag Banquet in 2009, with tickets available for sale.

CSC/Schools/Job Corps Day Committee: Tammy Calamari reported that the committee is looking at open houses at the facilities on Friday. Committee members are contacting their respective schools about that possibility.

Cookbook Committee: Karen Miskimins and Jan Adams reported that they had been on KCSR’s Sound Off program regarding the cookbook. They have received recipes and stories. Someone from Hay Springs loaned Karen a 1901 cookbook. The Tasting Party will be held in Sept., Oct., or Nov., 2008. They hope to have the cookbooks ready later this summer or early fall and will also offer them for sale at the Ag Banquet. Recipes may be emailed to [chadronrecipes@hotmail.com](mailto:chadronrecipes@hotmail.com). They will get the email and information about the recipes and stories to the radio stations and The Chadron Record.

Jan Adams offered to coordinate a fundraiser to be held during Fur Trade Days 2008. Individuals will be invited to place 5 quarters (representing the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary) onto tape that will be placed on the sidewalk. She hopes to have several rows of quarters on a block of downtown sidewalk.

Fur Trade Days Committee: Merle Morford suggested that those Fur Trade Days activities compliment the 2010 celebration, but in some cases 2010 might replace 2009 activities. There was a question about the Historic Fur Trade Flag ceremony being moved to a different time/date. Emily Klein will visit with Gail Potter and report back.

Other questions that will be discussed at the next meeting:

- A large 2010 banner with dates to be hung in a visible location.
- A 2010 float to be taken to area parades – this summer?
- Designate a 2010 Headquarters to be open beginning 60 days before the July 2010 events where schedules, souvenirs, etc., would be available. It might be staffed by volunteers.
- Establish a Marketing/Public Relations/Advertising Committee to get information circulated to the various tourist promotion magazines, etc. Emily will contact the radio stations/newspaper and other individuals who might be willing to serve on such a committee. (Nebraskaland and Nebraska Life magazine, Journey, Omaha World Herald, the RFD program, area newspapers, Dept. of Tourism publications, etc.)
- Regarding the website – Don Blausey will contact Roger Wess about design and needs and his willingness to work on a website project. KCSR indicated willingness to work with us.
- Regarding a Car Show and cars in the parade – Don Huls will visit with Jeff Kienitz, Dan Rhembrandt, and or TJ .
- Be thinking about a theme for the 2009 Fur Trade Days.
- Parade Marshals – area residents 90 years and better?
- Souvenirs – useful items: key chains, 10” plate, letter opener, Christmas ornament, crock, shirts, cups, coins (wooden/metal), era toys.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 11, 7 p.m. at the Dawes County Historical Museum.