

Meeting Summary (3 pages)
2010 Committee – Chadron’s 125th Celebration
Dawes County Historical Museum – September 14, 2009

George Klein called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with 24 individuals present.

Committee Reports:

Heritage & History Day – Ron Wineteer

Planning open houses at Dawes Co. Historical Museum, Museum of the Fur Trade, Sandoz Center and Geology Museum at CSC. They are organizing and putting together a booklet of some the old to current information about Chadron and checking into having a performance at the Courthouse lawn. Additionally, they would like to show the movie “Days of 76” at the museum or Masonic Lodge. The Pow-Wow or some form of Native American demonstration is still being considered – \$2,500-\$3,000 funding is an issue.

Organization Day – Jane Druecker

The committee sent letters to 50+ organizations/clubs in early summer with 20 replies. The committee sent letters to those that responded asking what they would like to showcase/display/do (floats?). The Masonic Lodge, American Legion and Art Center are being considered for spaces to have displays and activities – parking and access are issues. They will meet in October.

Business Day/Historical Downtown – Don Blausey

Yvonne Moody’s class in working on a guided or self-guided tour of the historic downtown business buildings, historic residences, and CSC buildings.

Ag Day – Mary Ann Schleicher

The committee met 9/9. They will auction the painting at the Ag meal in January of 2010 or sell raffle tickets. They will order 100 16”x20” numbered prints to sell. Tickets for the chuck wagon meal at the Fairground on 7/9/10 will sell for \$10 with \$4 to be returned to the Dawes Co. Fair Board for the purchase of new lights. Jan Storjohann will check on the “old time” photography. She has checked with the Post Office regarding the 2010 Logo as a cancellation stamp on envelopes. There is no charge and the cancellation can occur for 30 days only.

Jan reported that all quilt squares are sold and the quilt is in progress. Mary Ann reported that Casey Fosher, Boys & Girls Club, is willing to provide “old time” games and activities on Ag Day at the Fairgrounds. The Credit Union will be asked to provide prizes. The Credit Union is a souvenir sales location. Mary Ann shared a copy of the tentative schedule for Ag Day and a list of chairpersons for the different activities of the day. Governor Heineman plans to attend Ag Day.

Schools/CSC/Job Corps Day – Tammy Calamari

An individual who recently obtained some old yearbooks has contacted the committee. She has offered to loan them for display. Deb Cottier would loan her collection of yearbooks. They plan an open house from 8 a.m. to noon for tours of designated College buildings, Assumption, and city schools.

Clark Gardener reported that he and Sarah Polak are working on a walking tour of CSC buildings and a tour of the old Administration Building with a possible reception. They may also provide a video tour for those who would find the walking tour a hardship.

Youth and Recreation Day – Jim Cope

Emily Klein read Jim’s written report that they have had discussions and have several good ideas for games and activities to get kids active. He is working with Casey Fosher and Jane Druecker.

Religious History Day – Shirley Roberts

Emily Klein read Shirley’s written report. The calendars are here and her committee has been working hard to sell them. They need help with selling. The calendars are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, City Hall, Credit Union, and churches for \$10 each. Still working on community church service with a city-wide community choir and traveling minister to be held at the Fairgrounds on Sunday.

History Book – Con Marshall

Con has researched and collected a lot of history and material for the book and has about 10 years left. Marge Stoner has completed a list of businesses for ad sales contacts. We need to start working soon on layout and ad sales in order to get the book to print and ready for sale.

He also reported that there would be a big reunion honoring Verne Llewellen on Thursday of that week. There will be a banquet, etc.

Cookbook – Jan Adams

The cookbook currently has 309 pages with a few more recipes to be included. Jan invited individuals to continue to send recipes through next week. Deb Keim has done all of the inputting. The committee has received two estimates with the third contact referring the committee to Morris Cookbook publishing in Kearney.

Souvenirs – Maesa Kummer

Emily read Maesa's report. The committee is working on estimates for Christmas ornaments, mini letter openers, and a couple of other items requested by the 2010 Committee. They will have some samples and prices at the next meeting.

Entertainment – Fawn Larsen

Jim Hawk reported that the group is looking at a talent show featuring local talent on Thursday night. They are not sure about Friday night or Saturday, but are looking at Don Sherrill, Laura Martin, and/or Davis Daniel who attended school in Chadron. Con Marshall mentioned that there is a lot of talent in Chadron including CSC music majors that might be interested in performing.

Advertising/Marketing Update – Emily Klein

Rick Koza and Tim Donahue have been contacted to see if they have classes that would be interest in a hands-on class project.

Fur Trade Days – Merle Morford

Fur Trade Days will have the parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, the Chamber BBQ, Rodeo, etc. He proposed a short parade on Friday with antique cars, etc. He also will check on locations in town, in addition to the Chamber office, where we could have a 2010 Headquarters for 2 or 3 months prior to the 2010 celebration, manned by volunteers.

Car Show – Ken Korte

The Chadron Corvette Club hopes to have a car show during the 2010 Celebration (Saturday?) with 60-80 cars.

Sandy Powell, City Manager, spoke to the group regarding street closures, etc. It is important that groups have insurance and that the City knows and approves/coordinates these events and closures with the Council, city staff, police chief and staff, etc. She had several recommendations and suggestions for the group regarding blocking off areas, public streets, parks, city parking lots, city spaces, etc. She shared a form that would help the 2010 Committee and the City to receive, review, and approve the requests. The 2010 Committee will work on locating areas to be used and presenting the request(s) to Sandy at the next few meetings. There was a question about fireworks and that option and cost will be investigated before the next meeting.

Aircraft Show & Shine/antique & sports planes: Emily reported that Terri Haynes is working on the possibilities.

2010 Dedication of Greenwood Cemetery Directory: The Committee felt this would be a fitting 2010 activity. We need to coordinate a time and place on the schedule. Emily will contact Eunice Dagen.

KCSR's Sound Off program: The Committee will leave it up to Emily Klein to find committees to be interviewed on September 21.

Treasury Update: George Klein reported that one of the \$8,000 CD's has been redeemed. After purchasing the calendars, souvenirs, etc., and deposits made for calendar/souvenir sales, there is a balance

of \$1,520.48. Some of that amount is under budget requests for the painting, etc., and 7% of the sales is sales tax to be sent in. Budget Request forms are available from Emily.

Other:

-Check the September issue of The Golden Age Courier for Ron Wineteer's article on the 2010 calendars.
-Deb Cottier and Emily Klein will work on a grant for 2010 marketing. They will prepare a 2010 basket for Deb to take to an October NETA Conference.

-www.Forbes.com featured Chadron as one of the best community to visit by car. We need to include that on our marketing and website.

-Other ideas: 2010 banners on the poles downtown, selling pins or bracelets for admission to all 2010 events,

The NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 9, 2009, at 7 p.m. in the Dawes County Historical Museum.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Meeting Summary submitted by Emily Klein