

Chadron's 125th Celebration
2010 Committee Meeting
November 9, 2009 7 p.m.
Dawes County Historical Museum

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with 22 individuals present.

Jan Storjohann introduced Sheila and Monte Orr. Sheila Orr gave a brief description of the oil painting, "The End of the Drive" and presented the painting to the 2010 Committee/Ag Day Committee. Monte Orr donated the frame. The painting will be auctioned at 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Banquet in January. Chad Arner will be the auctioneer. The Ag Banquet will be held at the Assumption Arena. Calendars, cookbooks, limited numbered prints of the oil paintings and note cards will also be available at the Banquet.

Jan reported that the prints will sell for \$75 each and will be available for sale, along with the note cards, the first week in December.

Heritage & History Day: Ron Wineteer's committee is planning to have three showings of the movie, "Days of '75 and '76". The museums (Museum of the Fur Trade, Mari Sandoz, Geology, and Dawes Co. Historical Museum) will have tours. Everything is moving along well.

Organization Day: Jane Druecker reported that she has received 25 clubs/organizations histories. The committee is planning display tables for the organizations, window displays and floats. They are in the process of identifying the location for the display tables/demonstrations.

Ag Day: The committee followed up on the Wells Fargo Stage Coach and discovered that there is a \$1,000 charge. Unless a sponsor comes forward, they will not pursue this idea. Don Huls suggested that the 2010 Committee start to outline a publicity plan to get the word out to the area and throughout Nebraska about the celebration, painting, cookbooks, history book, etc., along with availability and contacts. He also introduced Rollin Curd, who has approached the Ag Day Committee regarding the 1840 Military Trail and incorporating tours of this historical piece into the celebration. It was suggested that this might fit nicely into the Heritage & History Day activities. Ron Wineteer will work with Rollin and Dean Carpenter. It was suggested that the short tours might be trailer/tractor, while the longer tours could be bus/van.

The Quilt Raffle will kick off on January 16 at the Ag Banquet with tickets being sold and the quilt displayed at the Festival of Quilts. The winner of the quilt will be drawn on July 9 at the Fairground activities.

The post office is working on the Quasiquicentennial cancellation. They have several opportunities for individuals to get mail stamped with the 125th cancellation.

Schools/CSC/Job Corp Day: Tammy Calamari reported that CSC's exhibits and tours plans are going well; Lynn is in the process of organizing Assumption Academy, Job Corp will be meeting again in January to work on their plans, and Jan Adams added that Prep will be doing a reunion with displays.

Religious History Day: Shirley Roberts indicated that she and Karen Fisher have been going to businesses selling calendars. Calendars are available at several locations for \$10. Shirley is working on a giant, casual choir with singers from community churches on July 11 at the Gazebo. Also planning to have a circuit rider preacher. The Courier newspaper will run the calendar story in Nov. and Dec.

History Book: Con indicated that the history book is moving along nicely. Jennifer Cleveland will be selling and preparing ads. The ads will be \$50 for ¼ page, \$90 for ½ page, and \$150 for a full page. He has reasonable printing prices and will determine quantity to be printed.

Cookbook: Jan Adams submitted the last recipes to Karen Miskimins. Karen has moved but is following through on the cookbook. Karen expects the cookbook to be available by January 16 and possibly a little earlier.

Souvenirs: Christi Marsh reported for Maesa Kummer. She passed around sample Christmas tree ornaments along with a list of items that might be good souvenirs. We need to sell calendars before we order other souvenirs.

Deb Cottier is working on a grant to help fund advertising and marketing for the expanded Fur Trade Days, which includes the 125th. The grant application is due January 17.

George Klein reported on the financial status to date.

The next meeting of the 2010 Committee will be Monday, January 11 at 7 p.m. at the Dawes County Historical Museum.

Summary by Emily Klein.