

**MORRIS 125TH ANNIVERSARY
MEETING
February 27, 2008
Council Chambers
7:00 pm**

In attendance: , Audrey McCrady, Anne Decima, Dale Hoffman, Rita Covernton, Ann Reckseidler, Candace Jorgenson ,Lorna Lewis, Dale Hoffman;

Presiding: Chairman Larry McCrady

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda/Minutes

The Agenda was circulated and added to.

Add Saturday Evening Program

Add C of C involvement in celebrations

Moved by Dale Hoffman

Seconded by Rita Covernton

‘That the Agenda be adopted as amended’

Carried

The Minutes were emailed to everyone.,.

Moved by Midge Anderson

Seconded by Ann Decima

‘That the minutes of the January16, 2007 meeting be adopted as presented.’

Carried

New Business

Larry reported that he & Midge had approached the mayor regarding the guarantee for the proposed budget for the 125th Celebrations. The committee felt that the upfront costs could be as high as \$10,000, but that any revenue made would go back to the Town.

Mayor Hoffman assured the committee that the \$10,000 requested will be available for the committee from the Town.

Committee Updates

Site

Mayor Hoffman advised the committee that the town public works has been asked to clean up the Scratching River Park and to put in the boat launch this spring. He is not sure about the dock. The town has also been asked to provide the material for some horseshoe pits.

The Stagecoach Park will be the site for the Talent Show on Friday night. The SMCC Bison Hall will be used if it is raining.

Ray Shaw would like to have the Green line fishing derby on Saturday instead of Friday night. He will organize it

Both halls will be used for the Homecoming Dance.

The Barbeque will be in the arena. We will have to get picnic tables from the Valley Ag Society.

Drama Events:

Candace Jorgenson asked about a sound system for the Friday nite concert at Stagecoach Park. . Mike Hesford said she could use the Jack Nelson Band system for a nominal fee providing their band is playing on Saturday nite. Larry has confirmed that the Jack Nelson Band will be playing on Saturday, July 12th.

It is planned that the picnic shelter at the park will become the stage for the concert. She has some concern on the height of the shelter, but will get back to the committee on this. We may have to bring in some risers.

-Children Events-We still need a coordinator for this. Larry reported that Lulu & the Tomcats will not be available. Suggestions were to call the Arts Council for children entertainers. Illusionist Jeff Jenkins, who hails from Morris, was also suggested.

Larry will look into this.

Larry has also suggested that we add another short concert on Saturday nite, between the barbeque and the homecoming dance. Pat Covernton and Prairie Chaff would be performing for about 1 hour – possible 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Larry has also volunteered to prepare the program for the Recognition of Pioneers ceremony on Saturday morning. The local childrens dance group will be contacted to see if they would like to perform at the ceremony.

Homecoming Dance

We are still looking for a coordinator for this event. Mike Hesford has been contacted and he will help with this. He has been in touch with the Jack Nelson Band. A request for Old Time Dance Music was discussed. Suggestions were to have old time dance music in between sets of the Jack Nelson band. Hiring a DJ for the old time music was also discussed. Dave Muzyka and Mark Dueck were suggested as possible DJ's. Dance would only be from 9:00 pm to 12 pm or so. Larry will discuss the possibility with Mike Hesford and get his input.

Midge is to check into liquor permit requirements.

Alan Reckseidler will be asked to look after the homecoming dance.

Tickets for dance s/b at a minimal cost.

Barbeque

-Egon Grossman has booked "Whole Hog Barbeque" for July 12th. He has given tentative numbers of 400 people for supper. Because we anticipate at least 1000 registrants; advance tickets must be sold for the barbeque to get some better numbers. Ticket prices for supper will be only to cover costs.

We will require the use of the VAS picnic tables for this event.

Ann Decima reported that the Chamber of Commerce will provide placemats for the supper with the 125th logo on the mats.

Recreation Events

-The Morris & District Museum is organizing the history tour and will hopefully have a power point presentation of town history going during registration

-The Car Show has responded and would like to know what site can be used and what day do we want them. We also need to confirm that John Westerveldt will organize this. The Antique Tractor Club would also like to set up their tractors. Is the committee okay with this and when and where would we want them to set up. The committee was okay with this. Suggestions were to use the old Car Manitoba site and Klippensteins parking lot; the grassy area east of the museum or the ball park. Larry will contact both organizations.

Bill Ginter has advised that he will be available for the July 11-13 weekend and will take on the responsibility of the recreational events- that being street hockey and golf.

Registration/Marketing

The registration committee has some 620 names that they will be sending letters to in March to create some hype and let everyone know about the events of our 125th celebrations. The registration application is now on the town web site. Welcome bags will be prepared by the registration committee. They will prepare for 1000- more if determined at a later date.

Pancake Breakfast

The Baptist Church ladies have volunteered to provide the pancake breakfast on Saturday morning. We will pay for the supplies. Will there be a charge? The committee agreed that the pancake breakfast should be free.

Sunday Service

The committee will ask that all churches participate in the Sunday service at the SMCC on July 13th.

Promotion/Marketing

Midge reported that we have 500 mint tins now. They will be given to the 1st 500 registrants only. She has been asked to order pens and notebooks for the registration 'goodie bags'. Rita Covernton will look into name tags and order the bags and possible logo for bag- depending on costs.

Midge reported that the town has a credit at CFAM. The committee can use what the SMCC is not using. We need to create some more hype. The following advertising was approved:

Mid March –Small newspaper circulation

Mid April- Promote on CFAM

Mid May- Small newspaper circulation

End of June- CTV, CBC etc

The sale of T-Shirts with Town photos was discussed again. It was felt that a booth should be set up in the registration area with a few print options for those interested in purchasing. Ann Decima will contact Tammy Shaw about this.

School Homecoming

Wendi Neuman is working on this.

Walking Trail

A grant for \$15,000.00 has been applied for to start the walking trail in Town. The grant had to be applied for by the Town of Morris. The application identified that this will be only phase 1 of the walking trail. The trail plan has been expanded a bit and two people bridges added. The plan only incorporates the east side of town.

The west side is to be completed once the snow is gone.

Volunteers

-We must continue to encourage more Volunteers!!!

Next Meeting Date

- March 26th / 2008 in the Council Chambers @ 7:00 p.m.

-We will fine tune and finalize the agenda for the July 11-13 weekend