

**MORRIS 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
MEETING  
January 16, 2008  
Council Chambers  
7:00 pm**

**In attendance:** Egon Grossman, Anne Grossman, Wendi Neuman, Ruth Murray, Audrey McCrady, Anne Decima, Claudia Schmidt, Gloria Collette; Ray Shaw

**Presiding: Chairman Larry McCrady**

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

**Agenda/Minutes**

The Minutes, & Agenda were circulated.

Moved by Ann Decima

Seconded by Egon Grossman

“That the minutes of the December 5, 2007 meeting be adopted as presented.”

Carried.

**Report of Chairperson**

Larry reported that he has put up posters in Town requesting help with the 125<sup>th</sup> celebrations, because we still need some key people to make this celebration happen. Wendi Neuman volunteered to head up the school class reunion activities on Saturday. The Chamber of Commerce has offered to participate by providing some funds for the 125<sup>th</sup> celebrations. They would also like to be on the mailing list for meetings.

We are still looking for a coordinator for the Homecoming Dance and an organization that will do the pancake breakfast on Saturday.

The Art Club, the Lions & Lioness Clubs and the Stampede have all discussed organizing their own activities or history displays for that weekend.

**Committee Updates**

**Site**

The Scratching River Park is to be used for the horseshoe tournament and the green line fishing derby. The committee will make a request to the Town to provide materials for horseshoe pits and to have the dock reinstalled, repaired or whatever. The Stagecoach Park is still the site of choice for the Talent Show on Friday Nite. Ray Shaw would like to have the Green line fishing derby on Friday nite. He will organize it

**Drama Events:**

-Children Events-Larry reported that Lulu & the Tomcats would be around \$500. depending on how long we want them to entertain. We do not have a coordinator for this.

The Talent Show- Candace Jorgenson is contacting local entertainers now for the Friday nite performance at StageCoach Park –weather permitting.

**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.

### **Recreation Events**

The history tour and the walking tour is basically the same thing. The museum is hoping to get the people mover to tour those that don't want to walk. Valley Agro has the mover. We may have to pay for a tractor to pull it.

-Larry volunteered to work on the Opening Ceremonies and recognition of pioneers. Wendi suggested that school kids make flags with all the pioneers names on them.

- Ray Shaw discussed the green line fishing derby- between 6 & 9 on Friday. He would like to have some plaques done for it. He would also like to see the dock in so that it can be used.

-We are still waiting for a response from the Legends Car Club for a Sunday Car Show.

-Slo Pitch may not be happening . They prefer to golf. Gerry Lamotte has volunteered to organize the golf.

### **Barbeque**

-Egon Grossman has booked " Whole Hog Barbeque" for July 12<sup>th</sup>. He has given tentative numbers of 400 people. The hope is that the barbeque will pay for itself, but would like some assurance that the Town will pick up the tab if there is a shortfall. There should be a good indicator of numbers by the end of April.

### **Registration/Marketing**

The registration committee has prepared a letter and a registration form that will go out this week. The December letters did not go out. The registration application is now on the town web site. Midge is to correct a few glitches on this.

Ray Shaw provided a sample T-Shirt with a photo of the 1910 Morris Womens Hockey Team on it. Costs would be around \$15.00 each. He would like to advertise them on the Town web site so that orders and sizes can be taken ahead of time. He would provide a number of possible prints to be put on the T-Shirts.

Midge reported that the stamp with our 125<sup>th</sup> logo has been ordered. This stamp would be used by the post office on all outgoing mail for the 2008 year.

### **Sunday Service**

No report

### **Promotion/Marketing**

Midge reported that 400 snap it mint tins have been ordered at a cost of approx 1400.00. The committee felt that 400 tins were not sufficient. Midge suggested that they be handed out at the Opening Ceremonies and for the Pioneers that the Town would like to recognize. Promotional books will be reviewed to find another give away at the registration desk.

### **School Homecoming**

Wendi Neuman has volunteered to coordinate this event.

### **Walking Trail**

-Because there is not a substantial amount of trail asphaltting to be done in this first year, no grants will be applied for. Ann Decima and Ann Reckseidler will continue to work on this. The Town will be approached to provide some help. These trails would mostly utilize existing sidewalks and branch out to ungroomed walking trails along the Morris/Red River and along the cemetery dike and the golf course.

**New Ideas**

-The Lions Club will not be doing a Cash Draw fundraiser at the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**New Business**

**Proposing a budget for 2008**

- A budget sheet was circulated and discussed. Midge will prepare it for presentation to Council. The committee determined that \$10,000.00 should be requested. If that much is not needed/used and if there are any revenues, they would go back to the Town.

**Volunteers**

-We must continue to encourage more Volunteers!!!

**Next Meeting Date**

- February 27<sup>th</sup> /2008 in the Council Chambers @ 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.