

**MORRIS 125TH ANNIVERSARY
MEETING
March 26, 2008
Council Chambers
7:00 pm**

In attendance: , Ruth Murray, Ann Decima, Ann Reckseidler, Gloria Collette, Candace Jorgenson, Claudia Schmidt, Rita Covernton, Egon & Anne Grossman, Bill Ginter;

Presiding: Chairman Larry McCrady

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

Agenda/Minutes

The Agenda was circulated.

Moved by Ann Decima

Seconded by Bill Ginter

‘That the Agenda be adopted as circulated’

Carried.

The Minutes were emailed to everyone.

Moved by Midge Anderson

Seconded by Claudia Schmidt

‘That the minutes of the February 27, 2008 meeting be adopted as presented.’

Carried.

Business Arising from the Meeting

Larry reported on the following items:

- Mike Hesfords band has been booked. Mike will also be the DJ for the old time dance portion of the homecoming dance.
- Contacted John Westervelt to look after the Car Show & Shine. Henry Fehr has okayed the use of his garage lot if needed. We will have to buy a few trophies for the event.
- The Tractor Club has decided not to show their tractors this weekend
- Bonnie Dreger has been contacted to get her art students to do a banner or flags of names of Town pioneers for the Opening ceremonies
- Valley Ag Society has been approached for the use of their extra long cables for the Friday night concert.
- Valley Ag Society has allowed us to use their picnic tables & benches for the Saturday barbeque. We will be responsible for moving them
- Gavin van der Linde has sent a letter to all churches for participation of the Sunday morning church service

- Have made contact with the Children Entertainment organization called Laughter Without Borders, and have left a message to Jeff Jenkins. Costs will be about \$300.00 plus mileage & taxes.
- Have confirmed that Prairie Chaff & Pat Covernton and wife will each do ½ hr entertainment on Saturday night before dance.

Committee Updates

Site:

Registration: Ann Decima has contacted Tammy Shaw to set up a booth for the sale of T-Shirts with photos of Morris memories on them. The 125th anniversary committee does not want to gain any revenue on this. Tammy has been asked to have them available for sale in the registration area on Friday & Saturday. The registration committee will set up on Friday at 5 p.m. They will have a “goody bag” for each registrant. Midge is to order 1000 envelopes and provide 1000 notepads for them. Pens and mints will be part of the package along with nametags, events brochure and a map of Morris. The registration committee will also have BBQ supper tickets for sale. They will be responsible for the meet and greet evening on Friday night and the cleanup thereafter. Coffee and punch is to be available for everyone at the canteen. Contact SMCC on all these details. Be sure that we can use the canteen for the Friday night. Check into purchasing their coffee. Will they supply the paper products and we pay them for it? Registration times will be Friday – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Art Show: Ruth Murray and Ann Decima will be responsible for displaying the artwork of Morris artists. This will be open to the public all weekend and hopefully be in the upstairs lobby area of the SMCC.

History Tours: The Museum will be looking after this. They will have tours and have their museum open all weekend. Tours will be available on Saturday and Sunday. Time of tours has not been determined. They will also have special displays set up in the museum.

Drama Events:

Friday Talent Concert will be at 7:30 p.m. at Stagecoach Park-Candace Jorgenson is in the process of scouting out various Morris talents (current & past) and would like a minimum of 12 entries. This will be a” bring your own lawn chair” event. Town public works will be asked to mow & spray for mosquitoes. Mike Hesford will provide his sound equipment. If a stage/riser is required- the school and the Baptist church both have one.

Pancake Breakfast

This breakfast is free and will be in the SMCC- Assembly Hall from 8am- 10 am. The Baptist Church will be doing the cooking for this. We are to provide the supplies. Egon & Anne Grossman have been asked to find sponsors for the pancake mix, syrup and sausages. The SMCC will be asked to provide all the paper products for this breakfast. The 125th committee(Town) will reimburse them for costs. Byron Edel will be the contact person for the church. *Reminder:* rubber gloves have to be worn for any food handling.

Candace Jorgenson reported that the youth groups of the Baptist Church are also willing to help with anything else that the committee needs volunteers for. This is greatly appreciated.

Opening Ceremonies

-Will be held in the SMCC entrance lobby at 11 am

-Larry will be looking after this. – Pioneer families will be recognized. The 100 year old time capsule will be opened. We don't want the ceremony to be very long

-We need to ask the Town to put up their flags for Stampede one week earlier. VAS will also be asked to have their slabs available for downtown decorations one week earlier as well.

Children Events-All children events will take place at the Stagecoach Park. It was suggested that Larry try to book "Chris without a Hat" as the children entertainer on Saturday afternoon at 1pm The swimming pool will also be available for public swimming.

Sporting Events

Rather than having a street hockey tournament, it was suggested that sand volleyball be added as a sport activity for the youth at 2pm. The committee approved of this. Advise public works and recreation director about this event on Saturday afternoon.

Bill Ginter will book the golf course for participants of the 125th for Saturday and Sunday morning golfing. Enough entries for a tournament is not presently expected.

That can be changed if necessary.

There will be no Slo- Pitch tournament.

Nelson Norris(who will be doing the Horseshoe Tournament) has asked that it be moved to Sunday afternoon at 1 pm on the agenda. We will have to get some trophies for this. They expect to have 6 pits made at the Scratching River Park.

Class Reunions

They will be held on Saturday at the Morris School from 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.

Wendy Neuman will be organizing this.

Barbeque

The pork barbeque will be held in the SMCC- Arena from 5 p.m. to 7p.m. Egon has advised us that the cost is \$8.50/ plate. This includes meat, two salads, beans and utensils, plates and serviettes, but no drinks.

Tickets will be sold for \$10.00 per plate. Soft drinks will be extra. We will provide water, coffee & tea. The caterers need a few weeks advance notice on numbers. They are able to accommodate up to 2000 people. Bill Ginter to print up BBQ tickets (similar to business cards). We want to get as many advance tickets sold as possible.

Saturday Mini Musical Concert

An additional musical concert with Prairie Chaff and Pat Covernton/ Kathy Larson will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall before the dance starts.

Homecoming Dance

This will be a free dance on Saturday from 9 p.m to 12:30 a.m. in the SMCC- Assembly Hall. Drinks will be charged for.

The band 'Lost Highway' has been asked to perform a 50's/60's type of music with ½ hours of old time dance music interspersed. Mike Hesford of Lost Highway has agreed to do both. Allan Reckseidler will co-ordinate the social event.. This will have to be cleaned up that same night and may need to be setup for Sunday morning Church Service. Midge will ask the Town to recognize this as a community event for purposes of the liquor permit. Gloria will provide further details on the permit.

Reminder: You are required to provide food at a social where liquor is served. Midge to take care of snack food & munchies for the dance.

Sunday Service

A letter has been sent to all the churches asking for their participation in the Sunday morning service at 10:30 am. Gavin van der Linde is the contact person for this.

Strawberry Social

This tea & cake with strawberries will be held at the Legion Hall at 1pm and hosted by the Womens Institute. Find out if there is a cost. Should their tickets be sold in advance as well? This would be a good opportunity for the Morris Legion members to display their memorabilia.

Car Show & Shine

Come out and see the cars and pick the car that is your favorite.

The decision was made to hold this show on the Stampeded grounds (the grass parking area between the museum and the SMCC-Arena) starting at 1pm. John Westerveldt will do the organizing for this. The 125th committee will purchase a few trophies.

Promotion/Marketing

Midge reported that we now have approximately 500 mint tins and 1200 pens with Morris 125th anniversary on them and approximately 1000 Town of Morris notepads. Some of the mint tins will be saved for the pioneer recognition ceremony. The rest will be part of the registration "goody bags".

Advertising has been done in Manitoba newspapers. This ad will be out in all Manitoba papers the week of April 7th.

The committee favored a request for a local newsletter or brochure to be distributed in the restaurants to create some hype.

The changes to the agenda are to be corrected on the web site and sent out to everyone..

Press release to be done for radio stations and newspapers as well.

We will need to get trophies for the car show, horseshoe tournament, fishing derby, and possible volleyball and golf. Larry & Midge to look after this .

It was suggested that the restaurants and hotels, SMCC & recreational clubs/organizations be notified immediately.

It was suggested that the windows of Henry Fehrs building on Main Street (old Bigway) would be a very good site to put murals of Morris from days gone by.

Volunteers

-We must continue to encourage more Volunteers!!!

Next Meeting Date

- April 23rd / 2008 in the Council Chambers @ 7:00 p.m.

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