

**MORRIS 125TH ANNIVERSARY
MEETING
November 7, 2007
Council Chambers
7:00 pm**

In attendance: Egon Grossman, Anne Grossman, Lorna Lewis, Ruth Murray, Claudia Schmidt, Dale Hoffman, Ray Shaw, Audrey McCrady, Anne Decima, Anne Reckseidler, Wendy Neuman

Presiding: Chairman Larry McCrady

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

Agenda/Minutes

The Minutes, & Agenda were circulated.
School Reunions was added to the agenda.

Moved by Ruth Murray

Seconded by Dale Hoffman

“That the minutes of the September 24, 2007 meeting be adopted.”

Carried.

Correspondence

-A heritage funding grant has not been applied for yet because Midge does not know what project to apply for – needs more specifics.

Committee Updates

Site: We have confirmation that the SMCC has been booked for the weekend of July 11-13, 2008.

The Legion hall has been booked for the Strawberry Social on Sunday July 13, 2008

The Morris School has been booked for Class Reunions- July 12th.

After some discussion it was decided that the SMCC would be used for the pancake breakfast on Saturday instead of the Legion.

And further that the SMCC would also be used as the registration site instead of the library. This would allow room for the registrants to buy meal tickets, dance tickets or souvenirs. It would also provide room for displays.

The Museum will still be used for staging site for tours.

Drama Events:

-For the Children events- Lulu & Tomcats and Fred Penner are still being looked into. The Library will be doing a treasure hunt.

The Talent Show/ Buskers still needs volunteers and a coordinator. Candace Jorgenson has not been contacted yet. The StageCoach Park was suggested as a possible site for buskers or outside entertainment.

Homecoming Dance

-No report available.

Recreation Events

-Horseshoe Tournament-The Norris Family has offered to organize a horseshoe tournament. Where would we build the pits?

-Ray Shaw volunteered to organize a "Green Line Fishing Derby".

-Midge has discussed possibilities of a car show with John Westerveldt. He will discuss with his Car Club and advise if they can do it.

All these items are to be added to the Homecoming Weekend Agenda.

Barbeque

- Get prices for the Whole Hog Barbeque and book them for the July 12th supper. Numbers will be determined later. The arena will be used for the supper.

Registration/Marketing

No letters have gone out yet, but a plea for addresses has been sent. The Sample letter is to be amended and sent out before Christmas. A tentative agenda for the Homecoming Weekend, & a registration form will be sent with the package. Please bring addresses to Claudia Schmidt, Rita Covernton and Wendy Neuman.

Wendy suggested that everyone get onto www.classmates.com for their own classmate information.

The minutes, sample agenda and registration form is to be put on the Town web site as well. Ray donated the web site that Don Edel had designed to the committee. The committee did feel that more than 1 website for the 125th anniversary celebrations would be confusing.

Sunday Service

The organizing for the interdenominational service needs to be confirmed.

Promotion/Marketing

Midge to get pricing on mint boxes with Town crest on them as promotional items. We will also need pens, paper, bags & maps of Morris.

Ray discussed the possibility of Morris T-Shirts souvenir to be sold.. He will bring sample for the next meeting.

School Homecoming

Chairman Larry McCrady informed us that Barb Shewchuk has volunteered to be a contact person for this. The intent is that those people who want to book a class reunion should be contacting Barb to book the school for the use of a room.

New Business

Registration

-The registration committee is looking for addresses so that letters of invitation can be sent. Please give them some assistance by providing your families addresses or your former Morris classmate addresses if you have any.

Review of Agenda

-Change some event locations

- Add horseshoe tournament and fishing derby to sports events
- Midge to put the agenda on the web site and send to registration committee

Walking Trail

-Ann Reckseidler is preparing a walking trail plan which would have a nature trail and an asphalted walking trail inside the dike boundaries. Once a plan has been prepared and costs estimated, Midge will provide grant and fundraising options. Hopefully this can become a 125th Anniversary Project of the Community.

New Ideas

-The VAS is planning a New Years Eve bash to start off the 125th Anniversary year

Volunteers

-Phone lists were circulated to encourage every one to enlist more volunteers for this event.
-Larry & Midge will contact all committee heads and request full reports for the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date

- December 5/2007 in the Council Chambers @ 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.