

ACE Meeting June 17, 2009

Hello All:

Here is a recap of what was discussed at the Arts Centre Edson meeting on June 10 (sorry for not sending it sooner).

1. Edson & District Chamber of Commerce Presentation: Peter did a presentation to the Chamber at their meeting on May 27. It was well received by the small number of people that were there.

2. Arts & Culture Board Focus Meeting: Kathy, Doug, Sonja, and Robyne attended a meeting about developing a plan on what the future Town Arts & Culture Board will look like. Based on the information gathered at the meeting they are drafting a proposal, for which they will try to get feedback from everyone, and then they will submit the proposal to the Edson Town Council.

3. E-mails to Surveyors: Peter e-mailed everyone that filled in a survey at the Edson & District Trade Show and the Holy Redeemer Dessert Theatre. He received 10 replies of people who wish to stay interested. Thanks to everyone who responded and welcome to ACE!

4. Meeting with Architect:

a. Introduction Meeting: Peter, Kathy, and Doug will be meeting with Greg McClung of McClung Architects on Tuesday July 28 to go over what is expected from the process between Mr. McClung and ACE. Questions will be posed such as "does Mr. McClung have experience designing cultural facilities or does he have a significant resource pool to draw from when designing the building?", and "Is Mr. McClung aware of such things as appropriate wiring, acoustic concerns, loading areas, etc. when dealing with a cultural facility?" The idea of a Project Manager will also be discussed and when in the process a person such as this should become involved.

b. Brainstorming Sessions: After the initial meeting with the architect ACE will host two brainstorming sessions with all the cultural groups that are interested in providing feedback. These two sessions were to be held in September, but due to time constraints and availability of facilitators it will now be in October.

b-i. Date & Time: All that is known right now is that there will be two sessions: one on the weekend and one during the week. ***We ask everyone on this e-mail list to attend one of these sessions to provide input into the development of this facility.*** Information on the dates will be sent out as soon as it is known.

b-ii. Location: Holy Redeemer Library

b-iii. Facilitator: Peter is in the process of booking a facilitator for these sessions through the Department of Culture and Community Spirit.

b-iv. How do we get the message out there?: ACE will do the following to let everyone know about these sessions: Advertisement in Town Brochure; contact

the media (The Fox, XM 105, The Rig, Edson Leader, and Weekly Anchor) to run stories; posters around town, especially at the Sidewalk Jamboree; personally invite specific arts and culture organizations; mass e-mail; Facebook; and word of mouth. It was stressed that each ACE member endeavour to bring 5 people with them to one of the sessions. We need to hear from all individuals.

b-v. Refreshments & Materials: Doug and Andrea will look after bringing refreshments. Andrea will provide any materials the Facilitator or ACE will need for these meetings.

5. Creating a Society: Robyne mailed the paperwork for the creation of an ACE society. She said that it takes a few weeks to process, and then ACE will soon be ACES (Arts Centre for Edson Society).

6. Road Trip 2009: There was a discussion regarding having another road trip this summer, similar to last year's trip that saw ACE members travel to nine different theatres across Alberta. It was decided that ACE, after the recommendation of numerous people, will visit the facilities in Drayton Valley. Edith volunteered to contact the DV people and has organized the tour to take place on Monday July 27. Andrea will take care of renting/borrowing the Town van. This will be a one day trip (leave in the morning and be back by early evening) and everyone is invited to attend. Peter will let everyone know more details in a separate e-mail.

7. Meeting with MLA Robin Campbell, MP Rob Merrifield, & Ivan Strang: Peter, Doug, and Kevin have confirmed some dates to meet with these individuals in the near future to keep them informed of ACE's ongoing developments. Each person will be receiving some information packages prior to their meetings.

8. Support from Organizations: The following organizations have submitted a completed survey and letter of support for ACE: A.H. Dakin School, Edson Craft Centre (Potter's Guild), Edson Creative Arts Society, Edson Public Library, Edson Ukrainian Cultural Society, Friends of the Edson Public Library Society, Holy Redeemer Catholic Jr/Sr High School, Girl Guides - Heatherwood District, Grande Yellowhead Regional School Division #35, Kinette Club of Edson, Living Waters Regional Catholic School Division #42, Parkland Composite High School, Pine Grove Middle School, Ecole Westhaven School. We are still accepting more surveys and letters of support. Bring them when you can.

9. 2011 Centennial & Homecoming Celebration: Peter informed everyone that if any of the arts and culture organizations wish to become involved in the centennial celebrations and events to contact Ivan Strang who is the Chair of the committee - tstrang@telus.net.

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday September 9, 7:00pm at Holy Redeemer