

**ACE Meeting
October 14, 2009**

Hello All:

Below is the report from our last Arts Centre for Edson Society meeting, which was held on Wednesday October 14. This meeting also doubled as our Annual General Meeting.

1. Election of Officers: All positions were filled again by those who already had the positions.

President: Peter Taylor

Vice-President: Dave Michie

Secretary-Treasurer: Shari McDowell

Director: Helen Payette

Director: Robyne Wilock

Director: Doug Woodhouse

2. Possible Partnership: ACES spoke for nearly an hour about proposing a possible partnership with the Fieldhouse Committee. It was agreed to approach them and at least address the possibility of a partnership. ACES does have concerns, however ACES also realizes that the Fieldhouse Committee probably also has concerns. And the only way to address those concerns is to talk about them. Peter agreed to call Mike Butler, Director of Community Services and the person who had facilitated the last Fieldhouse Meeting, about the possibility of having a meeting together. Peter will report back to the group after he speaks with Mr. Butler.

3. Cultural Facility Development Sessions: Both sessions were well attended and the Facilitator let all ideas be heard. Peter, Dave and Kai will get together on Thursday October 22 at 7:30pm to organize the information so that they may submit it to the architect.

4. Business Plan: Edith reported that she contacted Drayton Valley and Medicine Hat regarding how they created a business plan. She also printed some template plans that can be used to help facilitate the process of creating ACES plan.

5. Meeting with Rob Merrifield, Minister of State, Transport, and Member of Parliament, Yellowhead: Peter, Helen and Gemma met with Minister Merrifield on September 24. The Minister was very receptive to the Cultural Facility idea and advised that ACES be sure to have community support when embarking on a project of this magnitude.

6. Possible Meeting Between ACES, Edson Public Library, Friends of the Edson Public Library, Edson Craft Centre and Edson Creative Arts Society: Peter sent an e-mail to the above groups to hold a meeting so that each

organization is on the same page when looking at a proposed cultural facility. Lisa Wilkinson (Edson Craft Centre) and Kathy Hicks (Edson Creative Arts Society) have responded will be attending the meeting on November 9. Ron Christie (Friends of Edson Public Library) will address it with his organization, and we still have not heard from the Edson Public Library. Once the meeting is finalized, an agenda and invitation to everyone will be sent out.

7. Society Bank Account: A discussion took place about whether or not ACES should create a bank account to cover some of the nominal costs that we have or will incur in the future. Andrea said she would look into it.

8. Pandora Players: Tracy Templeton spoke about the issues Pandora Players has been having recently with regards to membership and reorganizing an executive to take care of the business end of things. Shari McDowell agreed to help Tracy get things organized. It is the hope that perhaps a small show will be set up in the spring. If anyone would like to help Pandora Players get revamped please contact Tracy at templeton.tracy@gmail.com.

9. Upcoming Fine Arts Events: Attached is an updated list.

10. Next Meeting: 7:00pm, Thursday November 12 in the library at Holy Redeemer