

**Arts Centre for Edson Society  
Minutes  
November 12, 2009**

**PRESENT:**

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**Executive Regrets:**

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Peter called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

**1. Possible Partnership with Fieldhouse:** Peter spoke to Mike Butler about having ACES attend the October Fieldhouse meeting to propose a partnership. Mr. Butler thought it would be best to give the Fieldhouse Committee a chance to speak about the partnership first before we attend their meeting. The next day, Mr. Butler contacted Peter and said that the Fieldhouse Committee spoke about it and a majority of members agreed to the idea of a partnership. They did, however, have some concerns, namely driving up the cost of the facility and perhaps getting a sub-standard facility if the cost gets too high. The Fieldhouse Committee then said that they wanted to run the idea past Town Council at their annual retreat in November. If Council supports a joint venture, and Council does not "balk" when the costs get high, then the Fieldhouse Committee would fully support both groups sitting down to discuss a partnership. ACES agreed this was a suitable course of action. Mr. Butler also spoke that the Fieldhouse Committee elected Co-Chairs, Mr. Russ Keating and Mr. Roger Redman, who are both heavily involved in Edson Minor Soccer. These two gentlemen will now be the contacts for the Fieldhouse Committee. ACES has now agreed to send a letter to the Edson Town Council, to review at their retreat, that outlines what ACES has done over the past year and to reinforce what the Fieldhouse Committee has already stated.

**2. Architectural Drawings:** Peter said that ACES has submitted information to the architect and awaits to hear what he comes up with. In the meantime, ACES is searching for a booth for 2010 Edson & District Trade Show on April 16 and 17

so that we may properly display the drawings at that time. Kevin said he would ask the Town if they would like to share their booth with ACES.

**3. Meeting between ACES, Edson Craft Centre, Edson Creative Arts Society, Edson Public Library, and Friends of the Edson Public Library Society:** Peter and Kevin attended the meeting. A good, honest discussion took place that said that both Edson Craft Centre and Edson Creative Arts Society may stay in the Library, as per the agreement with the Town of Edson, for as long as they wish. The two groups also have the opportunity to join in with the new facility that ACES is developing. The two groups biggest concern is the rental fee within a new facility. ACES has said it will advocate on behalf of those two groups so that they may maintain the existing agreements already in place.

**4. Society Bank Account:** Andrea submitted information on establishing a Community Spirit Bank Account through the Alberta Treasury Branch. ACES decided to go through with this and open a new account in January 2010. This account will be for minor costs that ACES incurs, such as refreshments for special sessions, materials, special fees, etc. As Shari is the Secretary-Treasurer, she will look into doing this. Peter will then contact each of the interested community groups about donating \$100 each for this bank account. ***MOTION: Ron Christie moved that ACES open a Community Spirit bank account at the Edson Alberta Treasury Branch in January 2010 with Peter Taylor, Dave Michie and Shari McDowell to have signing authority. Two of the three must sign every cheque. Seconded by Doug Woodhouse. Motion carried.***

**5. Business Plan:** Edith sent Peter, Helen and Kevin links to of some templates for business plans.

**6. Aviva Community Fund:** Rob Merrifield's office sent Peter some information regarding the Aviva Community Fund, which a nationwide grant for a special project in the community. Since the money for this project would have to be spent by December 2010, ACES has decided not to submit an entry for this project.

**7. Grande Alberta Economic Region Meeting:** Doug attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of ACES. The meeting asked community members what they would like to see in their community. Doug said he would also attend their next meeting on Thursday November 19.

**8. Upcoming Fine Arts Events:** Andrea is looking for any non-profit groups that would like their event mentioned in the Town Promotional Brochure. You can contact Andrea for more information.

**9. Next Meeting:** Wednesday December 9, 2009, in the library at Holy Redeemer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

10. Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_.

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ACES Secretary Treasurer (Print)

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