

**Arts Centre for Edson Society
Minutes
April 18, 2012**

PRESENT:

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Regrets:

Gemma Christie, Living Waters RCSD - gemma.christie@livingwaters.ab.ca
Robyne Wilock - robyne.wilock@livingwaters.ab.ca
Douglas Woodhouse - douge@telusplanet.net

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

1. Agenda

Peter added one item to the agenda: 4.1 Candidate Question, and Gean added one item to the agenda: 8.1: Soapbox Derby.

MOTION: Dave Michie moved to accept the April 18, 2012 Arts Centre for Edson Society agenda. Motion carried.

2. Minutes

MOTION: Dave Michie moved to accept the March 14, 2012 Arts Centre for Edson Society minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Architectural Drawings & Shovel Ready

Peter showed the latest architectural drawings of the parking lot concept, designed by Gregory McClung. It showed a redesign that would allow room for busses to gain access to the front of the building. The lot would see a reduction in size to 161 stalls. After much discussion, the group endorsed the idea with the addition of some extra stalls behind the centre that can be considered either overflow or staff parking.

The group then discussed future issues with regards to citizens concerned with using a bus system to get to events at the centre. Dave recommended that a bussing contingency could be built into a rental agreement with the facility. The group endorsed this idea.

Thus far, \$39,342.00 of the budgeted architectural money has been spent.

4. Capital Fundraising Plan

a. Individual & Corporate Sponsorship Package

Shari showed a design concept for the individual package. It was well received.

b. Tax Receipts & Endowment Fund

Doug was not in attendance to speak about this issue.

c. Honourary Fundraising Chairperson

ACES continues to brainstorm a list of potential chairpersons.

5. Candidate Question

Peter, on the endorsement from the ACES Executive, sent two questions to the candidates for MLA of West Yellowhead.

1. If elected, what do you plan to do to support arts and culture in the West Yellowhead region, specifically Edson?

2. The community of Edson supports the development of a new theatre, however the main problem is that the Town of Edson cannot afford a project of this size at this time. Currently there are discussions regarding a regionalization idea or a new funding agreement between the Town and Yellowhead County, but they are still in the preliminary stages. As per our business plan, we would look for funding from the province. Therefore, how would you as the MLA for West Yellowhead help to financially support the development of this project?

At the time of the meeting only Barry Madsen of the NDP had replied. ACES asked Peter to send another e-mail reminding the candidates of these questions and to reply back to him by noon on Friday. Peter will then post their responses on ACES Facebook Page and e-mail them to the ACES membership.

6. ACES Website

Shari showed a preliminary design of the ACES website. The group will review the concept and send her comments via e-mail.

7. Rotary Sundays in the Park

ACES began recruiting volunteers for the summer events:

- June 17 – Helen & Peter
- July 15 – Shari & TBA
- August 12 – Dave & Gean
- September 9 – Gean & TBA

8. Edson & District Recreation Society

Dave and Ron gave a verbal update.

9. Soapbox Derby, June 17

Gean asked ACES if they would like to enter a car in the Soapbox Derby. ACES liked the idea, but would prefer to commit themselves to art events such as the Rotary Sunday in the Park on the same day.

10. Secretary Treasurer's Report: Shari reported that ACES has \$581.22 in the ACES account.

MOTION: Shari McDowell moved that the Secretary Treasurer's report for April 18, 2012 be accepted as presented. Ron Christie seconded. Motion carried.

11. Thank You Cards

Peter distributed volunteer thank you cards to the ACES group for all their hard work over the past year. The cards were well received.

12. Next Meeting

7:00 pm Wednesday May 9, 2012 in the library at Holy Redeemer High.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Minutes approved on _____.

ACES President (Print)

ACES Secretary Treasurer (Print)

ACES President (Signature)

ACES Secretary Treasurer (Signature)