

**Arts Centre for Edson Society
Minutes
September 11, 2013**

PRESENT:

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Peter called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm.

1. Agenda

MOTION: Ron Christie moved to accept the September 11, 2013 Arts Centre for Edson Society agenda. Motion carried.

2. Minutes

MOTION: Greg Templeton moved to accept the June 12, 2013 Arts Centre for Edson Society minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Advocacy

3.1 Membership List: Kristie was not in attendance to speak about this issue.

3.2 Presentations: Peter and Shari reported that the presentation to the Edson Rotary Club went well. Ron recommended that ACES not make a presentation to the Edson Curling Club and Edson Golf Club at this time.

3.3 Displaying Drawings: The display was seen at the Rotary Sundays in the Park this summer and Sidewalk Jamboree. It will be seen during Culture Days, September 27-29 and the Library Book Sale, October 5. ACES also arranged to have a permanent display at the Edson & District Recreation Complex.

3.4 Meeting with Dignitaries: Peter has had some informal meetings with some local dignitaries that have been quite positive. More meetings will take place over the fall.

3.5 Theatre Alberta Article: Peter was in touch with Dr. Kieran O'Callaghan regarding his article in All Stages Magazine with Theatre Alberta. ACES will think of three questions to ask Dr. O'Callaghan to add more information to the business plan.

3.5 Rotary Sundays in the Park: ACES supplied volunteers for this event. One more event will take place on September 29 as a part of Culture Days.

3.6 Alberta Music Industry: Tracy was not in attendance to speak on this issue.

4. Municipal Election

After the official nomination date, ACES will be submitting three questions to all Town and County candidates regarding the arts centre project.

5. Updating Business Plan

Peter presented a new Action Plan and statistics to add to the business plan. Peter, Shari and Helen will review the information and update the business plan for the next meeting.

6. Funding from Local Organizations

a. Donations: More funds were donated by the Edson Arts Council (Chautauqua). Peter also participated in Jail & Bail at the Sidewalk Jamboree and raised \$293.50. These funds will go towards lobbying efforts for ACES.

b. Charity Status: Peter met with Gerald Joly regarding creating charity status for ACES. Mr. Joly outlined a number of pros and cons to having a number. He also presented a binder of information outlining the process. After a brief discussion, ACES decided to move forward with creating charity status. Peter will begin the paperwork process.

MOTION: Shari McDowell moved to have the Arts Centre for Edson Society create a charitable number through Revenue Canada. Motion carried.

8. Stonewater Ranch

Peter reported on his meeting with John Osborne with Stonewater Ranch. This project would be built 10-15 minutes west of Edson and would include a housing development, RV resort, equestrian area, a golf course, and an entertainment area. The entertainment would have gift shops and a hotel. There is a possibility that the hotel could house a theatre. The timeline of the project is 5 to 10 years. Mr. Osborne inquired if ACES would be interested in partnering on the theatre development, although no details can be finalized at this time. After a lengthy discussion ACES has decided not to pursue this arrangement at this time deciding to stay focused on their current plan of attaching a theatre to the Edson & District Recreation Complex.

9. Arts on Fire Awards

ACES has two invitations to the Arts on Fire Awards on September 27. ACES members are encouraged to attend.

10. Edson & District Recreation Society update

Ron gave a verbal update.

11. Secretary Treasurer's Report

Shari reported that ACES has \$203.70 in the ACES account with two cheques pending.

MOTION: Shari McDowell moved that the Secretary Treasurer's report for January 2013 be accepted as presented. Diana Inscho seconded. Motion carried.

12. Next Meeting

7:00 pm Wednesday October 9, 2013 in the library at Holy Redeemer High.

13. Adjournment

MOTION: Greg Templeton moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes approved on _____.

ACES President (Print)

ACES Secretary Treasurer (Print)

ACES President (Signature)

ACES Secretary Treasurer (Signature)