

**Arts Centre of Edson Society  
Minutes  
October 14, 2015  
Holy Redeemer High School Foods Lab**

**PRESENT:**

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**REGRETS:**

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Peter called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

1. **Agenda**

*MOTION: Shari moved to accept the October 14, 2015 Arts Centre for Edson Society Agenda. Motion carried.*

2. **Minutes**

*MOTION: Kevin moved to accept the September 9, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.*

3. **The Next Steps** - Peter

a. **Presentation to Edson Town Council, September 15** - Peter

i. **The Presentation**

1. There was discussion surrounding our presentation. All in attendance agreed that Peter did a commendable job at leading the presentation.

ii. **Council's Reaction**

1. Council's reaction was surprising as it was not what was expected.

b. **Informal Meeting with the Fieldhouse Committee**

There is a new chair for the field house committee, Andrea Rushfelt. She has been with the group for about 4 years. She was at the meeting and was also very frustrated. Peter called her on Monday night and they had a good conversation. Peter suggested starting to work together with a unified front. Andrea would speak to her committee and get back to Peter.

c. **What to Do Next?**

We would like to go at things from a different angle and try to work with the field house committee.

i. Options could be renovating another facility in town for a temporary solution.

ii. Advocate in bringing the community together as a unified force.

iii. Think on it for the next month and Peter will keep us informed of any new developments.

d. **Recreation complex**

The town will not be taking the operation over until the beginning of 2016. All of the major projects have been taken over by the town. For now, the board will continue to meet. The staff will be offered the same jobs when the town takes over. Nancy will not be staying.

4. **Community Services Board** - Peter

Robyn Willock is stepping down from the Community Services Board (information she forwarded is attached). She is hoping someone will take her place as an advocate for Arts and Culture. The Board has increased their budget by 20%. Some new functions will be included.

There will be a new full time position for Arts and Culture. Kevin wrote a letter endorsing this position earlier in the year. We would encourage individuals to write letters of support as well.

5. **Secretary Treasurer's Report** - Diana

. After depositing \$200 from last meeting's donations, we currently have \$400.30 in our account. Less the payment to GeoCentric, our balance will be \$196.60. *MOTION: Diana moved to accept the Secretary Treasurer's Report as information. Seconded by Helen. Motion Carried.*

a. Charitable Receipts handed out.

6. **Advocacy & Support:**

. Displaying Drawings:

. Picks of the Fringe show in November

i. January Chautauqua show

a. Upcoming events - press release, monthly update

. Nothing to report.

7. **Next meeting:**

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, November 11th, 2015 at Holy Redeemer High school.

8. **Adjournment:**

*MOTION: Helen moved that we adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Diana. Motion carried.* The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

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