

**Arts Centre of Edson Society  
Zoom Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2021**

**PRESENT:**

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Clayton Dearden  
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**REGRETS:**

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Peter called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

1) **Agenda**

Motion was made to accept the agenda with additions for the January 13, 2021 meeting by Kim.

**MOTION PASSED**

2) **Minutes**

Motion was made to accept the minutes from the November 4, 2020 meeting by Adrienne. **MOTION**

**PASSED**

3) **Kids in the Arts Scholarships**

- a) Diana investigated the Community Development Micro-grant grant but we do not qualify since the funds cannot be used for scholarships. She is looking into other grants. She spoke to Krysta about forms and logistics for the Town's Fee assist program and Krysta said she would share information. Diana has begun a Culture and Arts Interagency (CANOE) through the Town of Edson and hopes to fan out more in the new year. One of the questions asked on the registration form for CANOE was about the value of a scholarship for their organization.
- b) Peter spoke to Town CAO and Councilors. Mike Derricott suggested that we approach council about asking for support and seed money in the spring before the next budget talks begin.
- c) Shari reached out to the County but has not received a reply.
- d) Clayton contacted Axel Axman about the Kids in Sports Program, their application process, where they received funding, and how much need they saw in people accessing that funding. Kids in Sport was very successful program which started when there was a need for equipment and help joining clubs. The Kids in Sports Program has since fizzled out. See attachment for a copy of Clayton's email to Peter with more details.
- e) Kim compiled a list of businesses to potentially approach for donations. Peter emailed it out to the board to make additions.
- f) Next step: We had a discussion around several points. It was agreed that we need to have an outline in place for the program before we approach the public or municipal government.
  - i) The scholarship's purpose is to foster an early involvement and continuation in the arts
  - ii) Ages: 18, still in grade school and under
  - iii) Town of Edson and area students
  - iv) ACES would be willing to consider helping to finance with all arts opportunities
  - v) It was proposed that a weighting system be a part of the selection process including such

- factors as supporting local organizations, opportunity, potential, age, and financial need
- vi) Proving financial need? The discussion was in favour of not asking for financial information.
  - vii) Each application would require a sponsor from a member of the community such as a teacher, instructor
  - viii) ACES would distribute funds directly to the organization
  - ix) Any conflict of interest would require abstinence from decision
  - x) ACES we would pay up to a percentage to a maximum amount
  - xi) Peter will do the general form and Adrienne will do up to the application form
  - xii) Diana will confirm the possibility of Community Development partnering with ACES on the project.
- 4) **COW Meeting January 12th**
- a) Peter shared the video from the meeting. The possibility of using the \$2 million reserve for the Arts Centre toward lowering the debenture for the multiplex was discussed.
- 5) **Adrienne taking over reporting on council**
- a) Adrienne was asked to take over reporting on council. She asked if we thought it would be a conflict of interest. Noone on the board believed it was a conflict and we support her in reprising this role.
- 6) **Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Diana**
- a) The Registered Charity Information Return was mailed to CRA on December 4th.
  - b) The balance in our account as at this meeting is \$1,457.11. Diana makes a motion to accept treasurer's report as stated. Sherry seconds. **MOTION PASSED**
- 7) **Press Release for this Meeting – Peter**
- Not necessary.
- 8) **Assigning Tasks/Recap:**
- i) Peter will do the general form
  - ii) Adrienne will do up to the application form
- 9) **Next meeting:** Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 PM
- 10) **Adjournment:**
- Kim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. **MOTION PASSED**

Attachment:

On Fri, 20 Nov 2020 at 12:16, Clayton Dearden <[deardenclayton@gmail.com](mailto:deardenclayton@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Peter,

I called Axel this morning and had a nice conversation with him regarding his involvement with the Kids in Sport program in Edson.

Just to make things clearer, I had a list of questions that I had for Axel before calling him and here is how he responded:

1. How was the Kids in Sport program set up? ... He said it was an initiative that he and his wife started in Edson 17 years ago. It started at first when kids in need would approach his wife, a school teacher at the time, asking for advise on how to be able to get the funding to get into certain sports programs. They helped out the best they could until the need in the community required that they set up a formal non-profit organization ... "Kids in Sport".
2. How much time and effort did it take? ... Axel said it wasn't that difficult to set up. They had a Board of Directors who would review all of the applications and collectively decide whether or not the

request would be approved. He said that it became easier to administer the program with the advent of digital technology. He said that the program was hugely successful until recently with the advent of Covid-19.

3. Where does the funding come from? How much funding was received? Any municipal support? ... The funding came entirely from companies and individuals in the Edson community. They never did approach the Town of Edson or Yellowhead County for support. Axel said between \$10,000.00 - \$15,000.00 was donated over the past 17 years to applicants of this program.
4. How was it determined who would receive funding? ... The Board of Directors would decide on which applicants would receive support. One stipulation of the applicants was that they needed a referral from someone such as a principal, or clergyman, etc., in order to apply for support.
5. How many kids did receive support through the program? ... Over 100 kids received support through this program over the past 17 years.
6. Is the program still active? ... Axel said that unfortunately due to the Covid-19 pandemic the program was discontinued.