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Kearney Centennial Commission meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 1973 12:00 noon

Present: Philip Holmgren, Sam Grogg, Jane Smith, Sharon Knapp, Jack Erickson, Lorraine Langford, Gayle Grim, Al Smith, Bob Hobbs, John Lowe, and Bill Jensen

The meeting opened with Mrs. Knapp passing out a tentative schedule of the special days she had prepared.

Mr. Jensen reported on operating capital. He reported that most of the certificates have been sent out, and the total to date is just under \$20,000. One certificate was paid for twice and may have to be refunded. Publicity about the certificates was discussed. Mr. Grogg suggested that people be informed that the certificates are still available if they want to buy them. Mrs. Langford suggested that the individual dollar stock certificates sale be postponed a week until after the coins are put on sale. Mr. Grogg congratulated Mr. Jensen on an outstanding job and suggested that people be able to place an order for coins at the bank rather than going to the headquarters, with no reserving of special numbers in those cases.

Mrs. Langford reported on headquarters. She announced that Gayle Grim has joined the staff as headquarters' new secretary. Mr. Grogg asked about problems regarding requisitions and purchase orders. He will go over this at the meeting with the headquarters committee.

Mr. Hobbs reported on coin sales. Coins will go on sale March 15 and a news release will go out at that time. The commemorative booklet sponsorships is being wound up, with \$7,000 being taken in to date--\$8,000 is the amount hoped for. Estimated printing cost is \$4,000 plus commissions to the group that did the selling. The printing date is April 1, and they should be out by the first of May. Plans are now being made for 4,000 booklets with our costs at about \$1 per copy. Mr. Hobbs reported that the booklet will contain more than just historical data and pictures. It will contain invitations and responses from dignitaries and a schedule of events. Mr. Grogg suggested that pictures of the Executive Committee be included. Mr. Hobbs also reported that Peddler's permits are in the hands of the people to sell them, and someone from this division will be on party line Friday.

Mr. Erickson reported on the pageant. He has everything set up except the stage hand committee. The sound system is taken care of. Dr. Holmgren mentioned that the Optimist Club contacted him concerning a fire works display possibly after the final performance on Saturday night. Mr. Grogg warned that people might wait until Saturday to attend the pageant because of the fire works. He also mentioned that we must have insurance coverage for the Optimists, the Commission, the Rogers Co., and the city of Kearney. Mrs. Smith motioned that we suggest to the Optimists to have their display on Sunday night after Centennial week. Mrs. Knapp seconded it. Discussion followed. Voting followed and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15.

The Optimist Club has been informed of our attitudes on the fire works and will be making their plans accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Nuss