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Kearney Centennial Commission Meeting  
April 3, 1973 12:00 noon

Present: Philip Holmgren, Jon Daveline, Alice Howell, Sharon Knapp, William Doran, Lorraine Langford, Gayle Grim, John Howard, Bob Hobbs, Pat Munro, Jim Hellman, and John Lowe.

Mr. Daveline, Special Events, opened the meeting by reporting that Ted Sup has submitted his expenditures and asked for the procedure to follow. They should be submitted to headquarters to have a requisition made out and then sent to the treasurer. Also, he needs a list of plaques and awards to be presented by the various committees (especially men's and women's participation) to coordinate the awards for ordering.

Mrs. Knapp reported on Special Days. She has heard from Union Pacific, and they have given permission to use the depot as a hospitality center, and are sending a steam engine, a diesel engine, a freight car, a miniature parade train and information on the history of transportation. Their quartet may be available to perform.

Rev. Doran reported he has his subcommittees and speaker for Religious Heritage Day. They have had no trouble with competition on that day from other groups. The organ recital has been cancelled for the afternoon, and just the evening services will be held.

Mrs. Langford reported on headquarters. Zimmerman Printing Company has given us Centennial napkins at cost (2,000 for \$30) in packages of 50's that were printed by mistake. These will be sold at \$1.25 for a package of 50 at headquarters. The bumper stickers (1,000) are in and are ready to be distributed. They are being given away at headquarters. Miss Grim gave an approximate breakdown on the sales to date. Men's participation--\$382, Women's participation--\$1239.17, Coins--274 sets for \$4,110. 514 bronze coins--\$1028, Miscellaneous--44 peddler's permits in, stock--\$120.

Mr. Hellman, Spectacle Tickets chairman, reported he has all his people lined up and is ready to start next month.

Mr. Hobbs reported there are quite a few bronze coins remaining to be sold at \$2. Some bronze coins have been sent to be enclosed in Lucite as a desk paper weight and will sell at approximately \$5. Also, the auction on the remaining sets of coins will bring in some additional revenue. No delivery date on the plates yet, but when they arrive, a group is ready to sell them. Regarding the Centennial Ball, to avoid having one big dance, they have planned a progressive ball at a number of locations. However, unless the problem with private clubs can be resolved, plans will have to be changed. He also reported that groups have been lined up to handle the concessions at the pageant. \$7400 has been collected on the sponsorships of the book.

Mrs. Howell reported on signs. Beverly Wolf's committee has the signs for the houses (about 60) being made by the Youth Development Center. The Historical Society has arranged to have a state historic sign at Cottonmill, which has been approved. Another sign of historic Kearney could be made, at a cost of \$450. It would be placed on 11th street on the south side. This would take an appropriation of the Legislature, with the city and state working together. However, they would prefer to have the sign at Centennial



Park, three blocks to the west. She requested that the Centennial Commission finance this sign. Also the state would put some markers on 2nd Avenue directing people to this historic sign. She passed around the copy of what the sign would say. Discussion followed if the commission or a service club should finance the sign. Mr. Howard moved that the commission spend the money to buy the sign. Mr. Hellman seconded the motion. Voting followed and the motion carried. She also reported that a replica of the 1733 sign is being made to be erected during Centennial week. Also a good photo of Fort Kearney Hotel is needed for the booklet. Mrs. Munro suggested it be put on party line.

Mrs. Langford asked when the individual stocks will go on sale. Dr. Holmgren asked for suggestions concerning where and when to put them on sale. They will be sold at headquarters--date to be announced.

Mrs. Munro suggested that Martin Cox be invited to attend the meetings for Men's Participation. She also reported that the retailers are upset and she will be meeting with them to straighten out their misconceptions. They also feel they are not being well enough informed about what the commission is doing. They have decided to start the Caravan a week earlier (May 14th) and not go the two Saturdays of Centennial parades.

Dr. Holmgren asked if anyone had information on companies that will build floats for various service clubs interested. This was discussed. Mr. Lowe asked if anyone was working on a melodrama. Also the question was raised as to who is responsible for Promenades and Caravans. Mrs. Munro explained about the Thursday dress up day. People are supposed to wear any Centennial outfits they have on Thursday. She also explained what Centennial Belles involves.

Mr. Hobbs suggested that a Centennial events calendar be put in the paper to let people know what is going on. Dr. Holmgren asked that all divisions present a list of their activities at the next meeting for possible publication in the Friday paper. A calendar will be made at that time for as far in advance as possible. It was suggested that some be printed to be given away.

The situation was discussed about Men's Participation. Steve Knutsen was suggested as one to help in Men's Participation. Dr. Holmgren will contact both the present chairman and Mr. Knutsen and will report next week.

April 24 is the date for full-time business manager to report.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20.

Respectfully submitted,

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