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Kearney Centennial Commission Meeting
Tuesday, June 12, 1973 12:00 noon

Present: Philip Holmgren, Alice Howell, Sharon Knapp, Lorraine Langford,
Pat Munro, Gayle Grim, Don Dalton, Robert Holtzman, Steve
Knutson, Jack Erikson

A treasurer's report was distributed to all present.

Mr. Knutson (Men's Participation) reported that the Queen's Float is about half way completed. Some materials which were ordered for the float have not yet arrived. Almost everything is ready for this coming Thursday. The Renigades will take over KRNY on Thursday. There will be a rehearsal for the bank robbery. The Renigades and the Keystone Cops will also go on this coming Saturday's caravan to Ravenna. There has been some confusion as to whether anyone has yet been eliminated from the beard contest. To clear up this confusion it will be announced on radio that no one has been eliminated but rather that the judges have simply been classifying beards on Thursday nights. All those who are classified will be eligible for the finals on June 30.

Mrs. Knapp (Special Days) reported that everything that is on the schedule will be happening. She is very pleased with the results of her committee.

Mr. Holtzman reported that there is still some room in the spectacular programs for acknowledgments but he must know by tomorrow if anyone wants anything further in it.

Mrs. Howell reported that the Centennial book is now on the press and due to be out Friday.

There was discussion as to things that we could do to sell more coins, peddler's permits, etc. It was suggested that motels be contacted to see if they would handle some of these items. It is thought that some tourists, especially those interested in coin collecting, might be interested in purchasing them.

A meeting was scheduled with Mrs. Munro's committee for this coming Thursday, June 14 at 12:00 noon.

Mr. Dalton reported that he was supposed to schedule one more performance for the spectacular. However, it is possible that the Optimists will be having a fireworks display the Sunday evening following the Centennial and if this is the case it would necessitate having the set taken down in one day rather than two or three days as had been planned. The Optimists will be contacted to confirm their plans and see what arrangements can be made. Mr. Dalton reports that rehearsals are going well and that they will start building the set this weekend.

Mrs. Munro reported that Helen Downing has had to resign for health reasons. She will not replace her as she has completed most of the work required of her job. Mrs. Munro expressed disappointment in the Belles. Caravans and promenades have also been disappointing.

We have lost one narrator because of illness so she must be replaced. We also need other people for the spectacular, especially men. A middle aged couple is needed to fill one part.

The new calendar of events is now being folded and should be ready for distribution this afternoon.

The K-Club will sell concessions at the pageant and the Lions Club will sell books.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Slips

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The Kearney Centennial Commission met Tuesday, May 15 at 12:00 a.m. at the Chef's Oven with 11 commission members, and the 2 Rogers representatives present. Dr. Philip Holmgren called the meeting to order and the pageant director, Don Dalton from the Rogers Company, was introduced. Treasurer's reports were passed out.

Jack (O.L. Jr.) Erickson, Spectacular Chairman, reminded the Commission of the Cast Auction for the Spectacular to be held May 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and urged all to attend. He reported that men were especially needed, and there would be approximately 8 narrators and 20-30 principle rolls in the production.

Rev. William Doran questioned what would be done in the event of a rainout the evening of the Mass Centennial Service to be held June 24 at Foster Field. Robert Holtzman suggested an alternate location and sound system be secured in case of rain, facilities that would accomodate the anticipated crowd. Suggested alternate locations were the Kearney High School Auditorium with seating capacity of 1,000, and the college Cushing Colliseum with seating capacity of 3,000. A question was further raised regarding arrangements and cost of sound equipment for this. Sharon Knapp supplied point of information that Stanal Sound would be handling all sound requirements for the Centennial at a cost of \$1,100.00

John Howard had no report for Headquarters.

Kent Stadler requested that all committees, especially Special Days, supply him with all pertinent information for news releases --Special Days to emphasize the big events of their particular day.

Sharon Knapp had the following additions and/or corrections to the Schedule of Events:

- Art Shows and Demonstrations will be at St. James School rather than at the Union Pacific Depot.
- The Antique Auto Display will be from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday, June 25 on Central Avenue between 22nd and 23rd Streets.
- The Road Rallye on Tuesday, June 26th will run from the Kearney High School parking lot to Fort Kearney. Registration and fee payment for the Road Rallye will be at 3:30 p.m. and the race starts at 4:00 p.m. The cars will be limited to no more than 4 occupants and checkers and spotters will be stationed along the way -- the timed run will penalize early arrivals at the destination.
- The Craft Fair Thursday, June 28, will be held at Harmon Park with soap-making at the Youth Center, a barbeque at the ball diamond, and square dancing at the tennis courts.
- The Antique and Hobby Show will be held June 29 and 30 (Friday and Saturdays) at the National Guard Armory from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 1 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Admission will be 50¢; the event is sponsored by the National Guard Rifle Team. Hobbyists are needed to display their hobbies--not necessarily for sale.
- The Ice Cream Social will be held at the Old Baptist Church, Joan Tarrell is chairman for the event.

Sharon reported that two activities needed chairmen--the Reception for National Dignitaries June 30, Saturday and for the Time Capsule and its ceremony. Jane Smith volunteered to chair the committee for the Dignitary Reception. The question was called, did the commission wish to have the reception. Kent Stadler moved that the reception be planned and held, Jack Erickson seconded the motion; it carried. The reception will be under the direction of Jane Smith for any dignitaries that may be visiting and for the Commission members. The reception is tentatively set for Saturday afternoon after the final parade and coin auction.

There was discussion concerning an activity to thank and honor the committee chairmen and their committees for efforts directed toward the Centennial Celebration. Suggested activities include a barbeque in conjunction with the dignitary reception. Another suggestion was to postpone this activity until the celebration is entirely completed. No decision was reached.

The time capsule was left without a Committee Chairman when Ron Malum resigned to assist with Men's Participation. Robert Holtzman reported some ideas that have been used for the time capsule activities in other celebrations. A cement crypt or metal box can sometimes be obtained through donation or at cost in which letters and other Centennial mementos can be preserved during the time period which it is buried. Also, a monument can sometimes be procured at cost or by donation which can be decorated to mark the burial place of the time capsule. Contents of the time capsule can range from small mementos of the Centennial celebration to personal letters on Centennial stationery written by individuals to be delivered to their descendants when the capsule is reopened 50-100 years hence, (these enclosures will be made for a small fee). Mr. Holtzman also mentioned that this might be a good activity in which to involve visiting dignitaries. A previously suggested location for the time capsule was Centennial Park. Two individuals were suggested as prospective chairmen to head the Time Capsule committee-- Jack Hammer and Nina Frank.

Robert Hobbs, Revenue Chairman, reported that since no businesses would be open during evening Carnival hours, there may be a problem in supplying the public with restroom facilities. Portable facilities can be leased for the time period for a sum of \$700.00. The possibility of hiring security guards was suggested if a local church or school is used, near the Carnival area. Some members questioned the commission's responsibility in providing such facilities; the matter was to be further investigated. Mr. Hobbs also reported that the plates were in and one plate was passed around for the commission to see.

Steve Kuntsen's report was given in his absence by Robert Holtzman, who reported that the Renegades had met May 14, and that they would be carrying off robberies and assisting the Kangaroo Kourt in arousing interest in Centennial activities, as well as accompanying the Caravans. A metal jail has been borrowed from the Gibbon Jaycees, but a trailer built to carry a one-ton load is needed by May 17 in time for the Renegades to steal it. Jack Erickson volunteered the use of his trailer for such a purpose. The stealing of the jail is intended to stimulate interest in the Kangaroo Kourt by giving the Keystone Cops their first case.

The Commission was asked if more bumper stickers (zip strips) should be purchased. General consensus was yes, if they could be obtained within a 10-day period, that 1000 should be ordered. Pat Munro plans to have them distributed on the Caravans as well as through Headquarters.

Bob Holtzman reported the next publicity brochure will be the up-dated schedule of events and will be mailed in the Bank statements and distributed on Caravans.

John Lowe questioned if the Emporium inventory would sell out before the end of the celebration. Mr. Holtzman reassured the Commission that all unopened merchandise from Rosebud and O.H.M. can be returned within 10 days after the celebration for a full refund, and opened merchandise can be returned for a refund less a certain percentage. He also stated that other items such as the coins and plates each lead into the other as sales for one begin to drop off and inventory dwindles, the next comes into the market.

Pat Munro reminded everyone that the first Caravan is May 19, Saturday. It will leave the Unimart parking lot (south end) at 11:00 a.m. and travel north to Broken Bow and other towns to the north, ending at Gateway 73. She urged all to attend if possible, that people and cars were the most crucial need. She also needed callers for the follow-up calls regarding the Cast Auction, and reported for Bob Munro that of 200 letters sent out, 25 "yess" responses had come in at that time indicating attendance at the Cast Auction. She reported that the Women's Participation meeting held May 8 had gone very well, and that other meetings scheduled were Calamity Janes, 8:00 p.m., May 15 at Headquarters, and Carrie Nations, 1:00 p.m. May 21 at the First United Methodist Choir Room; and women are still needed for both groups so that duties can be rotated for the Caravans and Promenades.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Grim

Acting Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF MAY 17, 1973 (at end of day's business)

Present Bank Balance: \$11,421.43

<u>REVENUE DIVISION</u>	<u>AMOUNT SPENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
Historical booklet ads	\$ 1,013.00	\$ 7,315.00
Novelties:		
Peddler Permits	\$ 119.00	\$ 194.00
Coins:	\$ 5,187.65	
Sets		\$ 4,140.00
Bronze		\$ 1,268.00
Plates:	\$ 32.51	\$ 37.50
Stock		\$18,905.00
City of Kearney		\$ 1,000.00
Royalties on Seal		\$ 10.00

<u>PARTICIPATION DIVISION</u>	Allocated Budget.	\$750.00
Men's Participation*	\$ 1,510.68	\$ 380.83
Men's Clothing	\$ 4,320.81	\$ 1,242.35
Women's Participation	\$ 826.01	\$ 1,833.25
Women's Clothing	\$ 5,178.89	\$ 2,649.80
Joint Projects	\$ 56.27	
General Emporium**	\$ 72.41	\$ 65.98
Sales tax	\$ 140.85	\$ 235.96

SPECTACLE TICKET DIVISION

SPECTACLE DIVISION Allocated budget: \$3,000.00

PUBLICITY DIVISION Allocated budget: \$2,500.00

Publicity \$ 571.90

SPECIAL EVENTS DIVISION Allocated budget: \$4,000.00

Historical Windows \$ 36.91
Parades \$ 106.62

EXPENSES

General Headquarters \$ 2,913.63
Rogers Company \$ 6,037.50

*Men's Participation had a "special promotion" of \$35.00 expense which paid for itself.

**When there is a discrepancy between the deposit and receipts written in the EMPORIUM, this comes from "General Emporium", as well as odd items like the seals and napkins.

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF MAY 1, 1973

Present Bank Balance: \$ 10,942.40

	<u>Amount Spent</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>REVENUE DIVISION</u>			
Historical booklet advertising	\$1,013.00	\$7,315.00	\$6,302.00
Novelties:			
Peddler Permits:	\$ 119.07	\$ 124.00	\$ 4.93
Coins:	\$5,187.65		\$ 112.35
Sets		\$4,140.00	
Bronze		\$1,160.00	
Plates:			
Stock		\$18,895.50	\$18,895.50*
City of Kearney		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00*
<u>PARTICIPATION DIVISION</u>			
Men's Participation	\$1,315.26	\$ 151.00	-\$1,164.26
Men's Clothing	\$4,320.81	\$ 715.54	-\$3,605.27
Women's Participation	\$ 826.01	\$1,470.00	\$ 643.99
Women's Clothing	\$4,720.74	\$1,901.73	-\$2,819.01
Joint Projects (Participation)	\$ 56.27		-\$ 56.27
General Emporium	\$ 63.23	\$ 21.38	-\$ 41.85
Sales Tax	\$ 149.85	\$ 195.19	\$ 45.34
<u>SPECTACLE TICKET DIVISION</u>			
<u>SPECTACLE DIVISION</u>			
<u>PUBLICITY DIVISION</u>			
Publicity	\$ 177.41		-\$ 177.41
<u>SPECIAL EVENTS DIVISION</u>			
Historical Windows	\$ 36.91		-\$ 36.91
Parades	\$ 87.72		-\$ 87.72
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
General Headquarters	\$2,335.06		-\$2,335.06
Rogers Company	\$6,037.50		-\$6,037.50

* is Operating Capital, not actual revenue.