

Present: Ed Pavek, Sister Mary Jean Gust, Tammy Fuglseth, Jamy Fuglseth, Kirsten Fuglseth, Ty Fuglseth, Jan Erickson, Pat Erickson, Bonnie Olson, Mark Erickson, April Swenby & Bonnie Bohnenkamp

BINGO UPDATE: Monica wasn't able to make it to the meeting but did report that she has all the Bingo sponsors taken care of for all the games including the Blackout. They are as follows:

The gaming license has been sent into the state and we are waiting for the license.

GAME 1- PAUL & PAM REESE: \$25.00
GAME 2- KURPUIF FARMS - ROGER & KAREN KURPUIF: \$25.00
GAME 3-ROGER & BEV DRELLACK: \$25.00
GAME 4-TODD & DORENE DUFALF: \$25.00
GAME 5-BRUCE & PATTI MOSHER: \$25.00
GAME 6- KORY & BETTY SOLIE: \$25.00
GAME 7-PAUL & PAM REESE \$25.00
GAME 8- KURPUIF FARM - ROGER & KAREN KURPUIF: \$25.00

BLACKOUT: (\$150.000)
-JIM&ROBERTA DUCKSTAD-\$100.00
-ROB&MONICA LISBURG -\$25.00
-ANOYOMOUS - \$25.00

MECHANICAL BULL UPDATE: The Mechanical Bull is being rented from Games Galore again this year. We have all the sponsors for the bull and all the money has been turned in. The sponsors are as follows:

Nikki & Duane Straus
Connie & David Motteberg
Pat's Small Engine ó Pat & Penny Chisholm
Ed & Dolores Pavek
Tammy & Jamy Fuglseth
Pamela & Daniel Wilkens
Kevin & Jean Chisholm
Swenby Construction ó April & Aaron Swenby
Robert Thorson
Small Business Success ó Mark LeBlanc
Fertile Oil Co. ó Jodie & Danny Strem
Fertile Garden Center ó Howard & Elizabeth Haugen

CHUCKWAGON UPDATE: Mark said they are planning for 800 people this year. We served around 600 last year. In addition to the Chuckwagon we will be adding grilled hot

can buy throughout the day. Kids will also be able to get a pork sandwich. We will also have advanced dinner tickets which people can purchase thru Mark. The supper tickets will be numbered this year to help decrease long lines for supper. For example, we will have the emcee, Tom Rongen, announce that we will now be serving numbers 1-50 and so on. Mark and Ed now have a sign up sheet to work in the chuckwagon and to bring bars. We have throw away pans for those who sign up to bring bars to help decrease the work load in the kitchen. Mark has also typed up instructions as to how to cut the bars. So far, Crookston Building Center has donated \$250.00 towards the pork, Cenex in Gary, MN is donating all the plastic/paper goods such as plates, cups, forks and so on for booth, for the Chuckwagon and Saloon. 1st State Bank of Fertile is donating the cups and napkins. Mark and his crew will be doing food prep on Sept 8th and 9th.

MARKETING/ADVERTISING UPDATE: Liz Rongen was not able to attend the meeting but did send the following updates on marketing/advertising.

- All the churches in the surrounding area have been notified – only two of 25 have declined to promote the event.
- All church's will put a bulletin announcement in 2 weeks prior to the event and flyer inserts will go in the Sunday prior
- Radio stations (KROX, EWTN, Life 97.9, Faith 1200, Q107Fosston) have posted on their calendar
- We will plan to give KROX and Q107 4 pair of dinner tickets to give away
- Garden Valley has agreed to post on their monthly calendar on the TV...I don't have cable so I am unable to verify this
- Diocese of Crookston has posted on their home page
- City of Fertile will post on the Welcome sign beginning Aug.15th
- FBHS has agreed to allow us to hang posters, we have not gotten confirmation back about sending flyers home the first week of school with kids – if anyone knows Hillary or could speak to her personally, that would be a great help
- Working on banners to be at both entrances of town – probably try to hang up 2weeks prior
- Working on table tents for restaurants – they sit on the tables to promote the hoedown
- As of right now, need volunteers to help hang posters in some of the towns. An updated list will follow.

Some suggestions from the group were....

- Someone suggested that KRJB in Ada be contacted if they have not been yet.
- Steve Holzer suggested that PBS in Bemidji be contacted. I think that was a TV Channel.
- It was asked if anyone had checked to see what it would cost to put an advertisement on the big screen at the Grand Theatre in Crox, Fosston & EGF. Apparently the same people own the 3 different theatres.
- They wondered if it was necessary to have both table tents and placemats. Would it be just as effective to have one or the other instead of both?
- Since the school will not allow us to send home the flyer inserts with the students, it was suggested that maybe we asked the school if we could send home coloring contest



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I have the information on one side and the coloring sheets would just be the placemats.

SILENT/LIVE AUCTION: Auction items are coming in. We have a nice variety of items again this year. The committee was looking for ways/ideas to help promote businesses who have donated to us. Right now the only thing we have is our website where the businesses are listed. We were asked to think about this and give your ideas to the auction committee members.

PRAYER COMMITTEE: Sister Mary Jean said that they will have adoration again the 4th Monday of the month, August 29th, which will be right before the Hoedown. Our prayer committee has been saying the rosary and keeping the event in their prayers and WE CAN FEEL IT.

SALOON: Steve Holzer was present. He wondered if we wanted to have some wine coolers or other beverages available other than beer. It was voted by the group to stay with just beer and keep the wild west theme going and keep things simple. Tammy will check with Dan Wilkens to see if he was able to get Keg Root beer donated this year. It was reported that Cenex in Gary, MN will donate all the plastic cups for the Saloon this year.

OLD TIME PHOTOS: Pat Erickson reported that she has lined up the costumes again to use this year. She may have to do the mail route so she may have to have someone else take pictures until she gets there.

Other business:

Westside Dairy & Sherry's Daycare have donated ice cream for root beer floats. Sister Mary Jean volunteered to run that booth.

New this year...

(1) Karaoke (2) Cow Pie Bingo (3) Cow Milking Contest (4) Tumbleweeds (5) Desporato Dunking Tank (6) Milk Can Toss (7) Lasso (8) Potato Sack Races