

**ASSET BUILDING IN OUR COMMUNITY**  
**Minutes for August 26, 2008**

Members Present: Jan McRee, Ida Dennis, Dee Cassidy, Mary Frazier, and Ed McRee

The meeting opened with prayer by Jan. Discussion followed on the following items:

1. Hobbies Rock—Dee Cassidy. Dee feels we should start advertising in September, and contacting the hobbyists by the end of September. We need to make a time-line for the applicants, and start soon with Dee's written plans, which she has in place. It was suggested we purchase, if possible, a new file to set in the library, to keep our particular projects organized. Ed and Jan will check into this for pricing. The file needs to be wood and look nice in the library. We will need to get permission from the church. It was discussed and decided to contact the "Interact Club" to be available for Hobbies Rock. This would give these young people different experience and would be a good help that afternoon. Roger has the list of last year's hobbyists, and we need their names in order to make contact next week, if possible. We will send letters to the schools about the Hobby afternoon, and this should be done fairly soon.
2. The date for Social Security Scandals has not been set, as no one answers the telephone at the High School. Jan has tried several times each day for over a week, and left messages. She cannot reach anyone. Brenda Stohr works in Community Education, at the Superintendent's office, and will be a good person to contact about this project. We will have to set the "Strut Your Stuff" date and "run-through" first, however, because of the use of the auditorium for performances by the H.S. choral and band departments.
3. "Strut Your Stuff" will hopefully be on the calendar soon, with us reserving the auditorium from 5:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M, and having "Run-Through date also. Jan has not been able to reach the choral director to make sure we do not coincide with any of her choral performances. Last year, none of her choir members could be in our show, because they had another singing obligation.
4. We discussed "Community Pride Day," which was a project proposed by Don Wycoff. It would be a great project with adults and young people. We should contact Don to see if he has made any plans. We must be careful not to overburden our Asset group with too many projects. However, if the Chamber makes all of the arrangements, we could be of help in advertising.
5. "Write-On" needs more advertising—especially during March, April and May. Dee suggested we work more with our Public Library, for writers groups in the library, which would not be the same as the "Write-On" project, but simply a way of keeping our young people involved with their writing. However, this does not need to be an Asset project at this time.
6. Ed McRee has composed and is sending a letter to the R.E. Olds Foundation, asking for a grant for Assets. We will get an answer in the near future.
7. A suggestion was made to have a "blog" page for Assets, but this needs further discussion and planning, and also volunteers to mentor. It was generally felt this was a bit risky, and would need constant attention.
8. Discussion about how unsightly the Eaton Rapids sign is on the north entrance to town. There is no mowing or care given. We might discuss this with the City.
9. "Who I am Makes a Difference" was not discussed in detail because of lack of members at the meeting. It was tabled until our next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be September 9, at 4:00.  
Jan would like to recommend that board members please notify Roger or her in advance, if they are not able to come to the meeting.