

Community Wellness Meeting  
November 30, 2009  
5:30 – 6:30

Kristi Johnson welcomed the group.

Don King gave a little background situation. This is the fourth public meeting exploring the possibility of a community center of some sort in the Chadron Community. This has been a topic for many years. Over the past two to two and a half years the topic has continually been brought up. Some groups who have had an interest are Chadron Community Recreation, and the Boys & Girls Club of Dawes County to name a few. There is no one group or organization leading the charge. It has been a collaborative effort. At the last meeting it was decided to form four committees.

1. Building and Planning Committee – looking at formalized plans that have been developed
2. Finance Committee – how can this be sustained and grants
3. Marketing and Public Relations committee – how can we further engage the rest of the community
4. Fundraising Committee – fundraising within local community with donors and individuals

Each committee will need a chair and also a recorder.

Jerry Moss has drawn up a plan with the Eisenbarth (Timberline) building. The plans are very preliminary but provide a visual for people. The library is also interested in building a new structure or doing something at their current location. The library has been added into the plans for discussion purposes.

Jerry Moss shared the plan that he has been working on which encompasses space for the library, the Boys & Girls Club, Cardio Room, Aerobics Room, Track, Gym Space, Locker Rooms, Banquet Room, Full Kitchen. Everything in the plan is handicapped accessible. There is an outdoor play area planned for the day care area. The library has a separate entrance. When the Boys & Girls Club is not open that space would be open for other uses. The banquet room would meet needs for businesses to have meetings. There is a concession stand for the gym area. There is an outdoor reading area built in to the library. There is also a meeting room in the library area.

There was discussion again about the need for an indoor pool. One option might be to put a cover over the current city pool in order to make it available year round.

The other item discussed was that having a facility like this allows us to bring people to Chadron for events and when they are here they will spend their money here. Motels, restaurants etc. will also benefit from the center when people come to town.