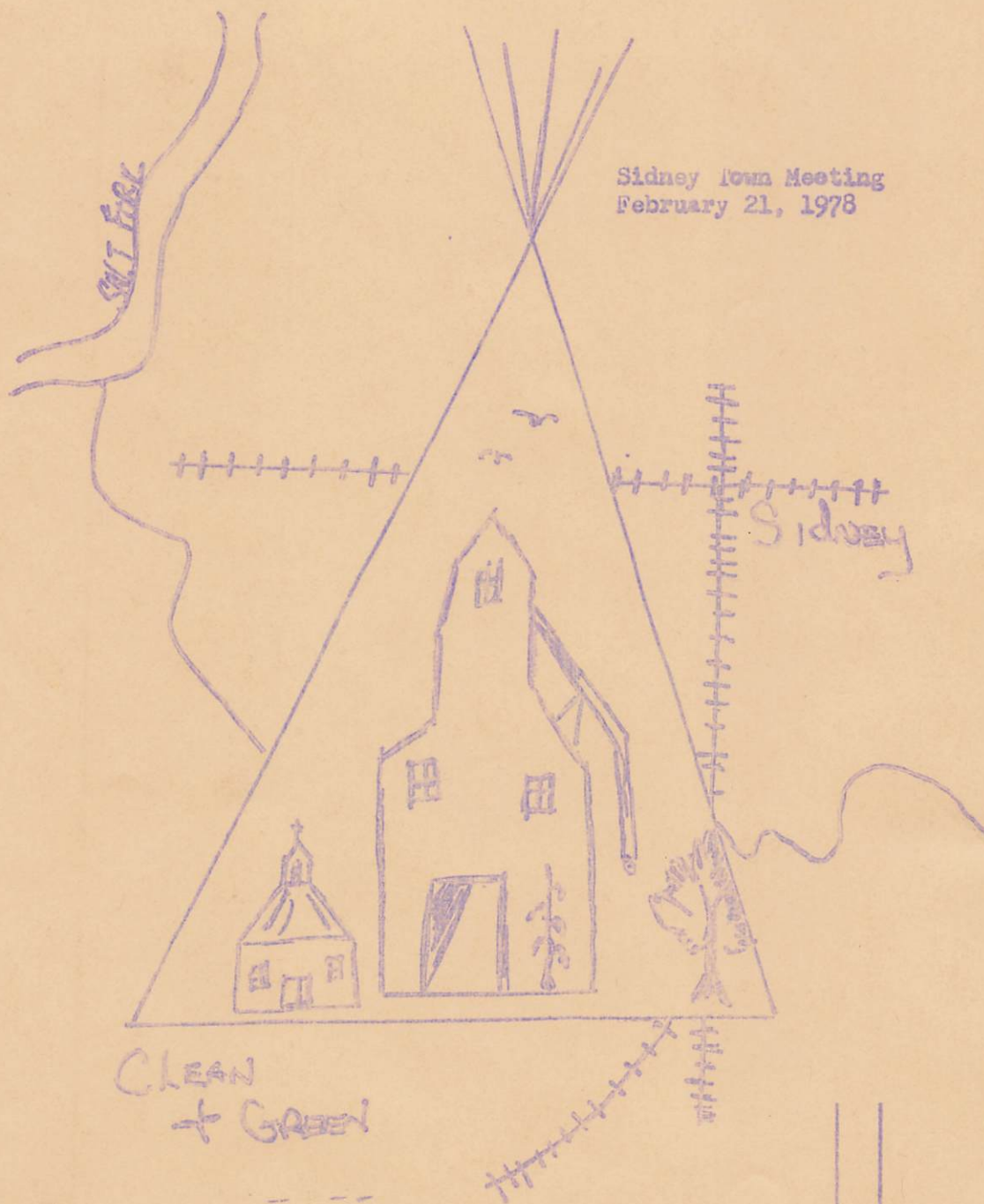


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Future Dreams

1. Year round recreation facility
2. Attractive village appearance
3. Good road out of town
4. Sewer system
5. Vandalism a thing of the past
6. City park
7. Another ball park
8. Attract more businesses
9. Progressive school
10. More community involvement
11. More community meetings and events
12. Job placement center
13. Ask our town up

Past Victories

1. Town Hall built
2. 50th-Cennial Celebration 2 years ago
3. Founded in 1837--oldest town in Champaign County
4. Was called Nox Point before Sidney
5. Indian Settlement was here first
6. Salt Bend...Railroad Crossings are part of history
7. Social Hub of area
8. Save Sidney School Campaign
9. Work with Extension Service re: town Beautification

Present Concerns

1. Financing: Sewer system, etc.
2. Apathy
3. Dead at core of village re: town appearance
4. Bedroom community--focus is not on the village
5. Political Naivete
6. Only a few involved
7. Hard to get community improvements moving
8. Making social disagreements as personal offense
9. Diverse groups have no form to work together
10. Difficult to community communication
11. Inadequate structure for community input

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Challenges

I. In the arena of apathy, the fact that

1. Very little recreation activities

2. Lack of communication

indicates the underlying contradiction ~~xxx~~ facing Sidney
has to do with

People having no direct, particular interests in the community

II. In the arena of Improvement through financing, the fact that

1. Lack of public involvement

2. Inflation

indicates that the underlying contradiction facing Sidney
has to do with

the fact that the community AS A WHOLE doesn't have the
resolve to get the job done

III. In the arena of Incompatibility, Pettiness, & Diversity
the fact that

1. Personality conflicts

2. Insecurity & jealousy

indicate that the underlying contradiction has to do with

people's inability to compromise and see the other point of view

IV. In the arena of Public input and Improvement, the fact that

1. resistance to change

2. power structure selfishness

3. time crunch

indicates the underlying contradiction facing Sidney has to do
with Locked into social structures as in a Stalemate

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Proposals

- I. Do the citizens of Sidney intend to hold events that allow for the communication of ideas and community involvement by:
 1. Holding social gatherings
 2. Holding civic gatherings
 3. Door to door canvassing
 4. Hold a town meeting as a forum for discussion
 5. Call people about community events
 6. Setting goals
 7. Involve community organizations

- II. Do the citizens of Sidney intend to select a specific project directed toward one segment of the community by:
 1. Have supervised activities for youth
 2. Have group meeting and assign leadership
 3. Provide a forum for youth input into the community (particularly female)

- III. Do the citizens of Sidney intend to assign leadership to see that ideas are carried out by:
 1. Using existing structures and organizations
 2. Poll community organizations re: Township Hall