

Rodgers House meeting, February 27, 2013

Members present, Sue King, Trisha Kett, Diane Cooley, Marilyn Hoyt and Loretta Estrada. The first discussion was with the new man, Dave Schnitter who will be working with his wife on the flower beds throughout the fair grounds. Something we really all agree on we desperately need.

We started our meeting outside due to the fact the weather was beautiful and most of the meeting was going to discussion of the moving of the Glass House.

A lot of discussion was on the possibility of saving the foundation of the glass house, but when Fair Manager Dave Kegebein arrived we realized sometimes the best thing is to start from scratch. Thus removing the glass house to a new location the ground could be leveled and be prepared for the new concrete needed to make the back door of the Heritage Hall assessable. (The entry way into and out of the building is a large unsafe step and has to be addressed.

The removal of the fence along the Heritage Hall and replacing it in the front of the new created patio. Thus securing the patio for private functions. The gate will be installed at the main entrance to the Rodgers House. By doing the upgrades we can enlarge the capacity of the patio. We will have a fountain installed. We discussed the possibility of a dance floor in the middle. But with Dave's suggestion we would use a portable dance floor if needed. (This made more sense). With the changes in the patio area the flow from the Heritage Hall to the Patio will be a smooth transition and making for a much more usable area for both the house and the Heritage Hall.

Moving to the front of the Heritage Hall. After we came to a conclusion of what is to be done with the patio we wanted to have some input on the front of the Heritage Hall and what could be done to enhance the front entrance of the building. The removable of the block planter boxes is a start. We need to have the area landscaped for year around functions. The need for more shade trees and making the area more inviting year around. Some possibilities; Have companies adopt the front area, plant and maintain the area. (Martinelli's (Apple Trees) Big Creek Lumber (Red Wood Trees). The apple trees would create a lot more work, pruning, spraying and etc. (These are all new ideas.)

We are planning on having a "Grand Opening" for the new patio and Heritage Foundation combination. It will take place after the completion of the project. It has been years since we have had a fundraiser for the Rodgers House and this would be a good way to raise some funds for the house and help pay the cost involved with the needed addition for future event.

After the meeting I met with another painting company and will be receiving a bid for the painting of the house. We have one now and will be getting another one on Thursday. With the 3 bids we will have a good idea of what it will cost to paint the house. And the future upkeep we need to do.