

Rodgers House Committee meeting, Jan. 22, 2014

Meeting held on the back porch, since the sun was shining, we met outside. Members present: Diane Cooley, Melanie Kett, Sue King, Kennette Roberts, Connie Hernandez and Loretta Estrada.

The main topic of the meeting was discussion of private donations and the meaning of them. Melanie Kett had donated a large amount of money last year with the understanding the money was to be used for the new patio and removal of the glass house. Diane wanted to know what happens when a person donates money and it is suppose to go directly to what the donation was intended. In the future the donations will state WHERE the money is to go, not into general funds.

I contacted Jr. Clifton regarding the update on the status of the underground work to be done on the new patio. And he brought it to the fairgrounds just minutes before the meeting. We had given PG&E \$1,000.00 several months ago and they need \$2,900.00 more and the job is ready to go. It is now up to Dave to get the ditch dug and they will be ready to replace the butane with natural gas. Dave came to the meeting and explained what has to be done before the patio is ready, such as Primary water line, Domestic water lines, replace the old sewer line. This will be done after the gas line is done. I ask him if he thought the remaining \$10,000.00 left of the donation Melanie gave us would do the job and he feels it would.

Sue King and I will be approaching Granite Rock to see if we can get them to donate the cement for the patio. The labor will be done in house, or hopefully we can get some of that donated as well. I told Dave we wanted our fence put back up as well. I ask for a time line and Dave said Mid Summer best case. Now we at least have a time table to tell people who keep asking why the patio is not done. Dave said if he had known the winter was going to be so dry he would have started the job earlier. As everyone knows, the Rodgers House is the grand entry to the fair grounds, and the completion of the removal of our drive way and fence needs to be completed.

Dave informed the committee of the status of the water well. We are hoping it can be fixed! He also talked about the removal of the cement building block planter boxes in front of the Heritage Hall. He is hoping that job can be done at the same time as the Rodgers House patio.

I brought up the idea of having some kind of fund raiser for the house, Diane said we should have one after the patio is done. Either way we need to make some money so we can get our project done.

We were given an old telephone from Connie, I moved the small one to the entry way and will install the new one in the kitchen. I was able to get a bag full of great dollies for the house this week.

I informed the committee we had purchased a Limo ride for us to take, I will work on a date, possibly it will be our March meeting, and it will be held in the limo! If possible. Our committee works all year giving tours, cleaning and taking care of the house, it will be fun to spend some time together, I am sure we will be discussing the house.

I need to get some prices on what it will cost to have a sign made for the house and locate it on the side of the house so people can see it while on the grounds.

We discussed the evening tours during fair time, and we will be giving them again this year, and starting the day tours one hour later. 2-6 each day. Except on Tuesday we will start at 1.

We put away the Christmas tree and cleaned the house after the meeting.

Meeting over at 3; 50.

Chairperson

Loretta Estrada