

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Things continue to progress with Pleasant View Cemetery chapel. Our committee meets monthly at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. We welcome anyone who might wish to join us.

We were able to purchase ten oak pews, which will be cut down to seven foot lengths, long enough to accommodate four each. The seven foot length will allow us to arrange the interior with a center aisle.

We also purchased twelve wooden folding chairs. They were initially sold at Betty Eeten's furniture sale to an antique dealer from Okoboji Antique Mall. We contacted her, and she agreed to sell them to us for the chapel. They are all wood and dated 1914. Other information on the bottom includes the original price -- \$1.25 each and the hand written signature -- Frank Patch.

Ron Hengeveld attended our April meeting to report on window repair. He rebuilt some of the sashes and worked with Northwest Glass in Spencer to replace broken window. Presently, four windows have new glass, and four have old. It is hard to tell which is which.

Brent Fanning joined us in May and talked about the stucco repair he has done and possibilities of step repair or replacement. Loren Newkirk brought some paint chips, and we chose a few possibilities. He has painted swatches on the south and north sides of the building and will add a few more samples before Summer Fest. Early pictures of the chapel show that the building was not white originally, so we are taking that into consideration as we choose.

Kelley Peters attended our June meeting and discussed painting both inside and out. He will also replace some of the tin on the ceiling with either salvaged or new reproduction tiles. Kelley expects to get both jobs done this year. We will ask volunteers to apply epoxy paint to the floor and paint the door and outer trim around the windows.

Kathy Luedke, Annette Gebert, and Loren Newkirk are working on a Summerfest presentation focused on the Civil War. Thanks to LeRoy Steffens, we hope to have a list of Civil War veterans interred at Pleasant View and the location of their graves.

We will be selling "Restore the Chapel" buttons before and during Summer Fest.

Submitted by Betty Taylor