

## Cemetery Chapel Meeting March 19, 2013 at Pete's

The Chapel Committee met on Tuesday, March 19, at Pete's at 6:00 PM. Progress on window repair was the first item for discussion. Ron Hengefeld is building some new sashes and replacing parts where needed. New frosted glass, purchased from Northwest Glass in Spencer, will be used to replace clear glass or broken panes. Rodney Burley will cut the glass to order here in Hartley, and Kenny Embree will paint the sashes before they are re-installed.

Loren Newkirk will serve as the Chapel Committee's contact person when it comes to making decisions about where old and new glass will be positioned. Good parts of cracked windows will be used later to make memory items that will be sold as fund raisers.

We continue to study the possibility of wiring the Chapel for electricity. It has been suggested that we look into the use of a generator, which could be done at a lower cost than hooking into city lines.

Last year the O'Brien County Foundation gave us a grant of \$2500 for Chapel repair. Those funds were used for the partial cost of roof and stucco, as well as the total cost of newly-installed, covered gutters. City Manager, Patty Anderson, will work on another grant request, but she cautioned us not to expect so much this year. Brent Fanning could design a new step with a ramp on one side, making the building handicap-accessible. Patty Anderson suggested such a request may be of interest the grant committee.

Kathy Luedke reported that Yadnom Club will not be doing a Cemetery Walk until 2014. She asked if we are interested in doing one ourselves. Since we have several Civil War Veterans buried at Pleasant View, we might focus on them, along with some Civil War music and poetry. Discussion to be continued.

Other items for discussion included plans to have the building open to the public on Memorial Day. Since our "Save the Chapel" button sales were quite successful at Summer Fest, 2012, we thought we might do something similar this year. We have a picture of the chapel, taken in its early years that could be used for new buttons. Instead of "Save the Chapel," we could use the slogan, "Restore the Chapel."

Our next meeting will be on the fourth Tuesday of April on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. If community members are interested in attending, please contact Betty Taylor at 928-2051 for information about time and place.