

Depot Report for October 2023

- The Restoration Committee met to review bids received for window and door restoration but without the opinions from architect, Ned Warnick, who was ill. Four bids were returned – 3 extremely high and one extremely low. The committee voted to hold off on accepting any bids and discussed the possibility of re-bidding in the spring. We are meeting again on November 13 with Ned to discuss options. Ned was asked to get an estimate from Chosen Window Restoration who said they did not have time to submit a formal bid. That information was obtained.
- The Fundraising Committee decided to postpone further Sunday gatherings after the first two were unsuccessful – only one couple showed. Much preparation was taken and six volunteers were present each time.
- CMR has finally notified us that the extra roof tiles have been ordered (and arrived) and the gutters are being fabricated. A February installation is planned.
- A successful Clean Up Day on Saturday, Nov.11 attracted 15 volunteers from WSU and community to join 4 loyal depot workers in raking leaves and accomplishing a general fall clean up around the depot.
- Due to the natural gas line break north of town and no heat in the building, the “Fallen Cougars” program for November 9th was postponed and will be re-scheduled.
- Donations to our annual campaign are arriving. As of the end of October an additional \$7,700 has been received.

Archive November 2023

- Processing items donated and researching questions from people.

St. Ignatius November 2023

- We had sold out crowds for 31 days straight in October. We are almost sold out for November and December. We do private tours in January, but then get back to our regular schedule in February.
- The new roof has been completed on the Nursing Academy building thanks to the \$25,000 gift.
- We are gutting the kitchen area now.
- The operating room and recovery are all cleared out and gutted.
- We have restored 18 windows in the building so far. The chapel windows will be done in the next couple of weeks.
- We are basically in preservation mode right now.

Ag/Innovation Center – State Line Project

Many of you are wondering what’s happening with the Center project. At our last meeting on June 26th, we left a lot of unfinished business on the table to be taken up again in the fall. It was our intention to have a few of us meet several times during the summer to work on professionally printed materials that we would share with individuals for financial support to get the Ag/Innovation Center off the ground. After achieving our first goal of getting the feasibility study finished, we could now focus on expanding our base with key anchor supporters. However,

as the summer progressed, we were unable to get together. It was hoped that with this accomplished by September we would be ready to begin phase two. That being, obtaining the outside financial support now required which would allow us to move forward the process of building a board, applying for 501C3 nonprofit status and hiring a full time qualified administrative professional with the abilities to accomplish this.

However, during this time it seems we have reached a point where our momentum has appeared to have stalled. Realizing this, and after talking with Alex, we have decided to put things on hold and reassess over the next few months where to go from here. Alex has a very busy schedule for a while and doesn't want to end the project but rather to have some time to consider other options/ideas as we move forward into 2024. So, for now we're going to put things on hold. Until then, thank all of you for your time and input and I'll be updating you when he/we are ready.

Perkins House – November

- The house is being decorated for the holiday season.
- Holiday Event is Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Although Colfax has moved their Winterfest to Friday, Dec. 1. So, this could affect our numbers.
- An anonymous donor has offered to give \$30K for our porch restoration and possible trim and house paint if the Historical Society pitches in \$10K.