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401 Morgan Avenue, Harriman



Newsletter

March 2024

Custodians of the Past. Stewards for the Future

CHHCO IS OPEN TO ALL INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN PRESERVING AND PROTECTING HISTORIC HARRIMAN. MEMBERS NEED NOT BE A RESIDENT IN A HISTORIC DISTRICT TO BE ACTIVE.

CHHCO Annual Meeting Summary

The Annual CHHCO meeting, coupled with the **St Patrick's Day Community Dinner** on Sunday, March 17, was well attended by over 60 members. More valuable than the information passed on during the formal meeting was the pot luck dinner provided by those in attendance and the social interaction while enjoying the food.



In recognition of the Irish influence in Harriman's founding, a history Lesson regarding the Universalist Churches first

pastor, Irish descendent William H McGlaufflin, was traced from Harriman in 1891-1896 to eventually General Superintendent of the Universalist Church of America from 1907 to 1916. A little fun was even played with our Ghostly



Participants on the Hauntings Tours as reminiscent of founding Temperance Principles.

Acknowledgement was then made of the 2023 Board, thanking them for serving over the past year. As a matter of required business, the slate for 2024 CHHCO Board Officers and Directors as nominated by the current Board was submitted and unanimously approved by those in attendance. The approved CHHCO Board, which takes effect on April 1, 2024, are:

Bruce Knobloch, President

Teresa Pitcock, Vice President

Beth Johnson, Secretary

Bob Harnden, Treasurer

Officers: Jerry Lively, Lake Lowe, Dick McPherson, Heidi Barton, Joe Jones, Lee Townsend, Pat LaDue, and Aaron Johnson

Alternates: Elizabeth Conley, Garry Barton

The financial report health of the organization was reported. While the net income in 2023 was over \$8,000, the funds are quickly being used for interior improvements to Harriman Hall.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- January 1, 2023 Accounts' Balance = \$32,005.82
- 2023 Gross Income = \$42,344.02
 - ~\$24,000 earned from combined Hauntings Tour and Christmas Home Tour (includes advertisers & sponsors income)
 - \$18,000 received in direct donations for Harriman Hall restoration
- 2023 Expenses/Disbursements = \$33,670.18
 - \$582.74 spent on administrative activities (insurance, website)
 - \$8,677.09 on Fundraising Expenses, calendars, t-shirts, etc.
 - \$23,366.98 spent on Harriman Hall renovation, taxes, utilities
 - \$1,043.37 spent on charitable projects & events (Walden Ave., Killeffer Park, picnics, dinners, donations, Trunk or Treat)
 - 2023 Net Income = \$8,673.84
- December 31, 2023 Accounts' Balance = \$40,679.66

The 2023 activities and events were summarized, reflecting a very busy and very productive year. Projected 2024 activities are very similar to the past year, with the upcoming dates of June 9 @ 3:00 for CHHCO's Sundae in the [Killeffer] Park with the Babahatchie Community Band, 2024 Hauntings of Harriman Tours the weekend of October 18-19, and 2024 Christmas Tour of Home on December 14-15. Also noted was consideration of initiating a Spring Home and Garden Tour in 2025. Those

that may be interested in participating by opening a portion of your home and/or garden on tour can contact Teresa Pitcock. Other 2024 goals include better market reach outside Roane County for **CHHCO** tours, other fundraising options, capitalizing on **CHHCO**'s welcoming environment, and continuing partnering with Harriman High School to encourage knowledge of Harriman's History and possibly promoting additional Story-writing/telling competitions.

Regarding progress on Harriman Hall, a photo summary since obtaining the structure the end of 2019 reflected the significant progress of stabilizing the structure and beginning to finish the interior.



Early 2020 Condition



The 2024 goals are to complete the finishing & furnishing of the vestibule and two classrooms/meeting rooms on the primary floor, and to install restrooms towards the southeast corner. This will allow CHHCO to take formal occupancy of the facility. In addition, we intend to complete the finishing of the lower level for general storage and clothes closet/changing rooms.



The pot-luck dinner that followed the meeting was also a **pot-o-gold!** Everyone contributed to an amazing spread of choices that exceeded expectations and similar events in the past. The socializing and conversations occurring before and after the formal meeting was absolutely remarkable! One of the best aspects of **CHHCO** is the interaction between people that are interested in the future of Historic Harriman. Those of you that expressed your passion and vision, don't let go of that! This year could exceed our stated goals, simply by everyone participating and sharing their skills and passion with others. Thank you!

A copy of the 2024 Annual Meeting Presentation has been added to the cornstalkheights.org website for viewing and sharing with others.

Harriman Hall Workdays Resume April 27th

Harriman Hall workdays resume from 9 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, April 27th. This is a time where volunteers can come support each other, and in many cases, plan for individual follow-up renovation work activities.

We are now at the phase where we either have to contract (with associated expense) or volunteer to complete the near term target improvements. The front rooms walls are repaired, drywalled and primed. We need to get the electricians to finish the installation of outlets, switches and fixtures, and concurrently we will finish painting of the ceilings and walls. The bead-board wainscoting also needs repair in several locations, as well as the final paint.

In the lower level, there is additional debris to clean out and abandoned steam piping to

remove. Once the space is cleared and items for general storage relocated towards the rear, the final finishes of walls and ceilings will allow us to begin to transfer storage of CHHCO items from downtown to Harriman Hall. This can all be performed by CHHCO volunteers, both on scheduled workdays and alternatively “senior moments” at one’s convenience.

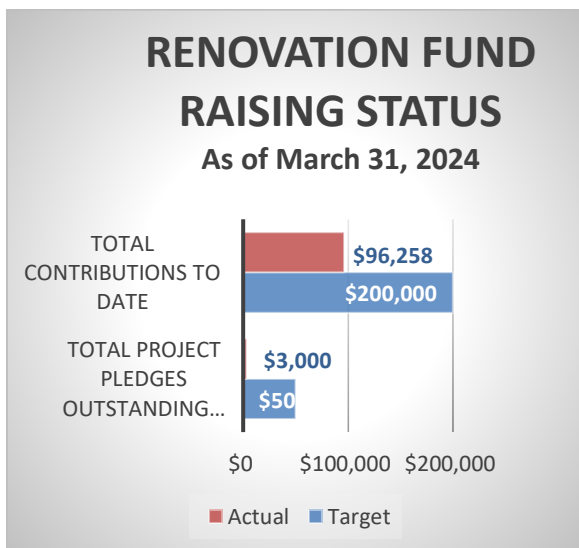


The back space for restrooms will generally be contracted to the tradesman, however any improvements that can be performed by our own volunteers is of course very

Future Caterer’s Kitchen



welcome! Please let us know what you’re interested in doing, and when you’d like to do it. It all helps us get past the goal line.



This month’s Fund Raising Status was increased by \$14,000 to reflect the net proceeds of the 2023 Hauntings and Home Tours. We’ve also increased our Target Contributions to \$200,000 since we’ve nearly reached our \$100,000 initial target. We’ve managed our volunteers and funds well, but we knew this was not a \$100,000 renovation.

Donations towards renovations are significantly needed! Now that contracted trade labor is necessary, we’re going to run out of funds very quickly. If you can’t volunteer your physical resources, consider volunteering your financial resources. Designated gifts are always welcome; however all the window restorations are currently sponsored. On this next level, you can choose what’s important to you for as we enter the next round of major renovations in the former sanctuary. Finishes and furnishings are both opportunities for designated gifts. If you have a passion right now, let us know what you would like to fund. Later we will start to identify opportunities for designated gifts.

All donations go directly to the renovation of Harriman Hall and are not used for any of the organization’s operating expenses.

***Historic* Harriman Hall Fundraising**

| Donation Levels | Cumulative Level of Donations |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Preservation Leader | \$25,000 or Greater |
| Preservation Guardian | \$10,000 - \$24,999 |
| Preservation Steward | \$5,000 - \$9,999 |
| Sustaining Donor | \$1,000 - \$4,999 |
| Supporting Donor | \$500 - \$999 |
| Contributing Donor | \$100 - \$499 |

Cornstalk Heights Historical Community Organization is a 501(c)(3) organization, and donations are therefore eligible as a tax-deductible charitable contribution to the full extent of the law. Donations can be sent to:

CHHCO
401 Morgan Ave
Harriman, TN 37748

CHHCO Community Calendar

April 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|-----|---|---|-----|--|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 11-2 Food Truck next to City Offices (Walden Ave) | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 3:00 RSCC Sophomore Music Recital Princess Theatre | 8 | 9 | 10 11-2 Food Truck next to City Offices (Walden Ave) | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 11-2 Food Truck next to City Offices (Walden Ave) | 18 7:00 CHHCO Board Meeting 408 Roane 7:00 <i>To Catch a</i> <i>Thief</i> (Free Movie) Princess Theatre | 19 | 20 7:00 SHOT OF POISON: Tribute Band Princess Theatre |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 11-2 Food Truck next to City Offices (Walden Ave) | 25 | 26 | 27 9-1 Harriman Hall Workday |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

Coming on Saturday, May 4th: **MAY DAY FEST (10 AM – 3PM)**
Walden & Trenton, and Surrounding Downtown Streets