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401 Morgan Avenue, Harriman



Newsletter

March 2021

Custodians of the Past. Stewards for the Future



Editor's Note:

We're taking a break from our featured Harriman History in order to focus this Newsletter edition on late-breaking CHHCO progress.

Community Yard Sale Scheduled for May 14 & 15

Start organizing your no-longer-needed items and participate in a CHHCO community yard sale to be advertised for Friday & Saturday, May 14th and 15th. CHHCO will provide the advertising for the sale, and participation by residents is voluntary.

Moving Right Along ...



CHHCO Annual Meeting Recap



Twenty seven individuals representing 17 family units attended this year's CHHCO Annual Meeting on March 21st. The CHHCO By-Laws state the organization membership is to meet in the 1st quarter of each year as an annual meeting, however that does not limit our opportunities to meet more often. Traditionally, additional organizational meetings are in the form of community picnics in the park and community dinners in a church fellowship hall. This year we were blessed with the opportunity to meet in The Walden, a renovated events venue in the historic Farnham Building. The meeting presentation is being placed on the Cornstalk Height website (cornstalkheights.org) for all to review. The highlights are summarized on the next page. (Continued on pg 2)

March 20th was the first day of Spring, and the colors are sprouting! The painting crew was able to work between the spring rain storms, and the Morgan Avenue façade now has a light lavender siding with dark purple accent trim. It's great motivation to git-r-done!

The color scheme was presented at the CHHCO Annual Meeting as complementing the stain glass windows. To complete the façade, the missing stain glass and cracked glass will be installed shortly. (Continued on pg 2)

CHHCO Annual Meeting Recap (cont'd)

- The address of CHHCO is now 401 Morgan Ave (same as Harriman Hall). The PO box is no longer active
- All eight 2020 CHHCO Board Directors continue in their current positions, and 4 additional Directors plus 1 alternate were Approved for 2021
- Nearly \$35,000 was invested in acquiring and improving the historic Christian Church, renamed Historic Harriman Hall, with over \$18,000 still in bank accounts
- CHHCO objectives were restated as to enhance the physical, economic and social enrichment of the City of Harriman, and encourage understanding and appreciation of Harriman's history, culture and architecture
- Individuals are challenged to "grow where you are planted," and be this generation's custodians of the past and stewards to the future
- Plan to resume CHHCO Events, including community service projects and the Annual Christmas Tour of Homes
- Reminded homeowners that yard signs and parts for repairs are available at no cost, however we encourage the owners to participate in the community as part of their ownership
- Discussed plans by the City of Harriman to add street lamps around Killeffer Park, and to provide feedback to the city
- Reflected on the collaborations between CHHCO and the City of Harriman, and noted the increasing "Small Town, Big Heart" pride of Harriman
- Summarized the Harriman Hall renovation accomplishments in 2020, and plans going forward

The CHHCO Board will now begin meeting in a conference room on the 2nd floor of the Farnham Building at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month (except December). As things open up this year, plan to get out and enjoy all the historic community of Harriman has to offer. We've missed you!

Moving Right Along ... (cont'd)



Admittedly, the first coat of paint caused angst by even those who were part of the color selection. However once the accent color was added, it took on a new personality. **WOW!**



What's Next?

It's amazing how a few good days can re-energize the soul into motivation to do more. That's where we're at – wanting to do more.

We will be publishing Harriman Hall workdays again soon, with the first likely scheduled for May. The Renovation Committee continues to work behind the scene, and as we take care of a few minor finishing touches in the façade, they'll be working on the scene as well. A list of projects and requested volunteer skillsets will be developed to make the time as efficient as possible.

But – there's another element for significant progress at Harriman Hall – MONEY! As summarized from the Annual Meeting, the organization is financially well situated to continue with renovations. However, there is a limit to what can be done with what we have to work with.

Based on social media comments, I'd say CHHCO has accomplished what they intended for 2020 – to show enough progress for others to know we are serious, and that their donations are valuable. Our next phase of soliciting donations will begin shortly, where we will offer the donors more input to where they want their dollars to go – whether it be towards exterior finishing and painting, interior cleanout and renovation, or towards the Committee's highest needs.

In addition, designated gifts can be given in honor/memory of individuals of your choice. Specific project needs can be discussed however it is suggested at this time to support the continuing window restoration at a donation level of \$1,500 per Sanctuary window. There are several windows that need sponsors, and for the exterior finishes to be completed, we need the windows to be restored at the same time.

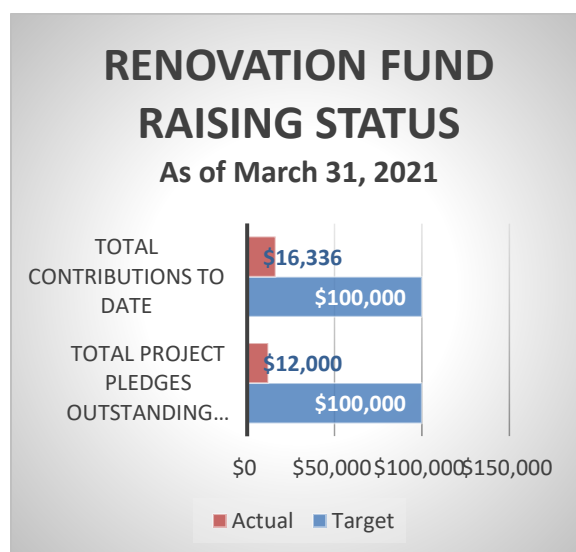
All donors contributing towards the cost of renovation and equipment will be recognized according to their cumulative level of giving noted below, on a permanent plaque to be placed at the completion of the facility renovations.

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

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

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 the **NEW ADDRESS!!**
CHHCO
401 Morgan Ave
Harriman, TN 37748



The CHHCO Calendar is to resume in the April Newsletter for community and nearby activities in May. Please email any dates you would like considered for inclusion to cornstalk_heights@yahoo.com