

Plaque Sub-Committee Report - March 9, 2020

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The fish fry brought in approximately \$4900 in donations toward the project to place historical plaques on local homes and businesses. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, the Edgar family, those who provided the food and desserts, Mr. Vansell, the VHS Sons & Daughters of History Club and Digital History students, the VCB board, and the Versailles First Assembly for use of their facilities.

Nicole Whitfield met with Mr. Vansell and the Morgan County R-II School District Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Marshall, regarding Versailles High School Sons & Daughters of History Club and their ability to leave the campus to meet with community members and business leaders to discuss plaques. Mr. Vansell and Mrs. Whitfield will work with members and students in the sub-committee, as well as the Sons & Daughters of History Club, to create a packet of information to be given to homeowners and business owners, which will include a basic overview for Sons & Daughters of History Club students to use when speaking to homeowners and business leaders. Mr. Marshall would like to come with the history club students, Mr. Vansell, and Mrs. Whitfield on some of the visits with homeowners and businesses about the plaques in order to participate and help in the effort.

Mr. Vansell, Nicole, and Jacquie Brewer met on Thursday, March 5th to review where things stood up to this point with planning. Jacquie provided a sign with information about the plaques to show homeowners and business leaders. Mr. Vansell was able to provide a created list of homes and businesses that the Sons & Daughters of History Club would visit. This list includes the following so far: (forgive any spelling errors)

- Hilty Inn
- Kidwell-Garber
- Bank of Versailles
- Ben Franklin
- Dari Kup
- Shady Gables
- Bee's Knees
- Hawthorn Building
- Gilberts

- Royal Theatre
- Hyneman House
- Jim Burkhart
- Crucin House

Next Steps:

- Nicole plans to meet with Mr. Marshall to get approval to pull students from the sub-committee and Sons & Daughters of History Club to have a scheduled meeting with the rest of sub-committee in the coming weeks at the school. Looking to meet on a Monday if that works for everyone. Still awaiting discussion with Mr. Marshall.
- Mr. Vansell hopes to get plaques for at least 5 homes/businesses completed by summer 2020.
- Nicole and Mr. Vansell will be contacting Suzanne Hall for additional information on pricing of plaques as she is also willing to provide information on this.
- Nicole will be contacting sub-committee members regarding a possible meeting date at the school that brings everyone together in the coming weeks.