

Chapel Fundraisers Are Successful

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After a busy moving day and open house last August 2014, the Chapel Committee decided a rest was in order, so we schedule our next meeting five months in the future, in March. However, funds have continued to grow as unsolicited contributions come in sporadically from memorials, tour groups, and others who are motivated to give.

During the month of December we held two simultaneous fundraisers, selling walnuts and pecans as well as chances on a Nativity decoration by Coreena's Creations. Community interest and support quickly exceeded our expectations. We had ordered five cartons of walnuts and pecans, each containing 24 bags of nuts. All have been purchased.

Interest in the Christmas arrangement was also high. Committee members sold nuts and raffle tickets at the Shop Hop. Both banks and the library graciously allowed us to set up during their open houses, the last being at the Savings Bank. At the end of that event, Bank President Steve Leng drew the winning ticket with patron Wayne Rossman as the observer. The winning ticket went to LeRoy Raabe. After paying expenses for the nuts and for the arrangement, we netted \$800.66 on the two projects.

When we meet in March, we will launch plans for open houses during the 2015 Memorial Day weekend and the Summer Celebration in August. Since the chapel was begun in 1915, we will likely hold a Centennial observance this summer.

Further projects under consideration include a few odds and ends in the interior and exterior. We will also conduct studies on the possibilities of electricity, re-opening the vault, landscaping, and other beautification.

New members are always welcome. I will put a notice in *The Sentinel-News* before our next meeting.