

HARTLEY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 23, 2011

On Tuesday August 23, 2011, a group of interested citizens met at the home of Connie Olhausen to discuss the feasibility of attempting to acquire the Betty Eeten house and as many of its contents as possible to be preserved for the community. Those present were Marjean Westerman, Betty and Orville Taylor, Ron Hengeveld, Loren Newkirk, Ruth Newkirk, Lanette Bates, Dale Wacker, and Michelle and Del Drenth. Howard gave the group a brief history of the house and its occupants which included early pictures of both.

The antique furnishings are to be sold at auction on September 7th, and the house, carriage house and lot to be sold on September 29th.

Ron and Dale explained that they had examined the interior and exterior of the house and determined that it is structurally sound. Dale said that the northeast corner of the foundation showed minor damage on the exterior. Ron explained that the house would need new shingles, some siding replaced, updated wiring and plumbing, and a more efficient heating and cooling system, and estimated that those items would cost at least \$200,000 in today's market, but that, aside from the roof, nothing is urgent. Each person in the group gave their opinion regarding whether they considered the project feasible, and the opinion of all was to go forward.

After some discussion, it was decided to attempt to raise money in the community for the purpose of buying furnishings at the upcoming auction. Betty will craft a flyer to be placed in businesses around town explaining what we are trying to do, and she, Orville, Marjean, and Connie agreed that they would contact persons individually for donations. It was determined that we would need a checking account to pay for purchases made at the

auction. Connie will take care of opening the account under the name HARTLEY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

On Tuesday September 6th, Marjean, Betty, Orville, and Ron met at Connie's to strategize a plan for bidding at tomorrow's auction. We identified key items, and decided who would bid on what. Our bidder's will be Betty, Orville, Mary Mohni, and Connie. We will meet at the Community Center to firm up our plan some time before the auction begins. Due to many contacts made by Orville, Betty, and Marjean in particular, we have \$9320 in donations by persons in the community.

Recorded by Connie Olhausen