

**South Howard County/Outdoor Arts Meeting  
For January 6, 2011 Held in New Franklin**

**South Howard County/Outdoor Arts Committee met January 6th, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in New Franklin at the South Howard County Historical Society building.**

**Present:** Those present were Art Schneider, Sue Thompson, Donna Cornelison, Marty Ferry, Doris Markland, Ray Glendening, Jim Steele and Kathy Southerland.

The meeting was called to order by Sue Thompson, committee chairperson. Minutes of the last meeting were submitted by Donna Cornelison and approved by the committee. Treasurer's report was submitted by Kathy Southerland, we currently have \$17,681.92. This total did not include the homes tour amount of \$1,400 or a donation by Jim Steele of \$150 for a grand total of \$19,231.92. Not all the money from the homes tour has been collected.

**Update:** Donna gave an update on the New Franklin Christmas homes tour. Everything went very well in spite of the weather. Many positive comments were received and everyone felt like it was a real boost for the community. To date we have received \$1,400 and still have additional monies to be collected.

Fadra Hepner and the high school art students are working on completing the progress sign to go into the parkway area.

Further discussion on writers for the storyboards was held. Ray will be doing Becknell and Williams, Marty will do Gregg, Maryellen will do Cooper and Bingham, and we will contact someone to do Kit Carson. Jim Steele volunteered to read final copies before they were submitted to DNR for approval.

Art will talk with Harry about updating the sketch so that Millie Cooper appears to be 16 years old -- information has surfaced indicating that Millie Cooper was 16 years old rather than 12. Art will ask Harry about doing individual sketches of each character.

**Fundraising:** We are continuing with the fundraising through the New Franklin alumni. Discussion was held on an additional mailing to go out in January or February and what to include, whether to include a letter with the brochure. Art is going to check to see if the mailings can still go through the University Extension office. This will be ongoing throughout the project.

Committee members have contacted businesses and organizations to solicit donations. This will be ongoing throughout the project.

We did not receive the Wal-Mart grant and Art is going to resubmit.

The Boonville Tourism group has pledged \$500 that needs to be approved by the city council.

The Cooper County DAR has committed to donate, but did not give a set amount at this time.

The Howard County DAR has not made a commitment at this time.

We had additional discussion on the possibility of conducting bank tours highlighting historic locations in Howard County, but no decision was made at this time.

**New Business:** Discussion was held on making a brochure on sites in Howard County, no decision was made.

It was discussed to have a Howard County tour in conjunction with the Civil War commemoration in Boonville in June as an additional fundraiser. No decision was made.

**Site Rendering Recommendation:** Both renderings of the proposed monument can be seen in the windows of the South Howard County Historical Society in New Franklin. A CD, the virtual tour, is available to be shown to groups in the area. Please contact one of the committee members for a presentation.

**Web Presence:** Art arranged for the project to be in Mo-River.Net, the Cooper, Howard and Saline counties community information network. The URL is [http://www.mo-river.net/Arts/outdoor\\_art/index.htm](http://www.mo-river.net/Arts/outdoor_art/index.htm). You can also find photos and the virtual tour on the City of New Franklin's home page.

**The next meeting of the South Howard County/Outdoor Arts group will be March 2, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. at the South Howard County Historical Society, 101 E. Broadway, New Franklin. As the project moves forward, expanding the steering committee and establishing committees is crucial to making the drive successful. Please join us in making this "dream" a reality. Please come to our March 2nd meeting.**

**Donations should be made to the South Howard County Historical Society, Santa Fe Trail Monument Fund, c/o Joe Chitwood, P.O. 81, Boonville, MO 65233. Remember your donations are tax deductible.**

**Respectively submitted:  
Donna Cornelison, Secretary**