



Republic of Texas History Center

Report to DRT Board of Management
July 30, 2015

Guess what this could be?

Answer: At the bottom

The RTHC met three times in July (July 6, 13 and July 20) to close out fundraising activities with Bryan Rubio. This involved securing the documents he has submitted to potential grantors and donors along with presentation materials he developed about the project and District Challenge. The team decided to “rest” the active fundraising activities during the summer months. We are consolidating our fundraising information into a working set of materials for later efforts in the year. With the additional donations made in late May and early June, the final RTHC Challenge raised \$ 320,000.

Since June 2, 2015 an additional \$16, 136 in donations have been received – about \$2,350 from 10 Chapters (*Joshua D. Brown, James W. Brown, Rev. John Haynie, Bosque River, Cradle of Texas, Charles G. Davenport, John Berry, Blanco County Pioneers, Dr. Wilhelm Keidel, and Heart of Texas*), another \$4,500 from matching employee funds, and the remaining from individual members.

Following the team’s review of the rental property’s unit rates, it was decided to raise all rents by \$50 per month beginning in September. Letters announcing this rental increase were sent out to the renters on July 10, 2015.

On July 13, 2015, President General Dr. Betty Edwards, RTHC Chair Dr. Pat Horridge, and FLM Chair Karen Thompson met with the new Executive Director of the Texas Facilities Commission, Harvey Hildebran, regarding DRT’s plans for expanding the existing FLM parking lot for joint RTHC/FLM use and constructing another gate in the north wall of the FLM to provide access between the two properties. The meeting was well received by all parties and the DRT’s plans were positively upheld by Mr. Hildebran.

The Team wishes to thank the BOM for supporting the 2015 RTHC Sustainability Plan at the June 26, 2015 Board meeting. The Sustainability Plan is now posted on the DRT members’ web page.

Next Month: The RTHC team members will start attending as many District meetings as they can. A meeting is planned in August with Eric Miller, architect, to discuss aspects of the proposed RTHC design that could be constructed in a phased-in manner.

Answer: A rendering of the 1st floor Multi-purpose Room at the proposed RTHC – future home for BOM meetings and much, much more.