

## Republic of Texas History Center Team Report January 2016

The RTHC Team held two team meetings in January (on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>) and several special activities involving the Chair and other team members relating to the maintenance and rental matters at the San Marcos Street property and the reconciliation of DRT-approved paver orders for posting on the DRT website. A lease contract was submitted to the renters beginning February 1, 2016. The terms of the contract included keeping the grounds free of debris so that lawn mowing can occur. Renters will be charged a fee if the mowers have to remove the debris.

The *RTHC Flag Pole Chapter Challenge* was officially kicked-off January 1, 2016. We are pleased to report that the Ferdinand Lindheimer Chapter/New Braunfels has donated the first \$1,000. An information letter will be mailed to Chapter Presidents in early February describing the project in detail and asking for each Chapter's enthusiastic assistance in supporting this effort. A work day on Feb. 1, 2016 is planned to prepare the mailing. Details of the challenge are on the members' website.

Considerable effort was required to cross-reference paver sales with the official DRT's approved ancestor listing. This renewed *DRT-approved* ancestor paver fundraising effort will remind members which ancestors have pavers already purchased, who purchased them and their respective chapters. The list is posted on the DRT members' website – [www.drinfo.org/members/](http://www.drinfo.org/members/). Almost 700 pavers have been sold as of January 1, 2016. Of those, about 300 are recognized as *DRT-approved ancestors*. We hope to encourage the purchase of many more pavers to cover the walkways around the Republic of Texas History Center.

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, Eric Miller, architect, presented a listing of estimated construction costs associated with building out the Daughters' House and a slab (for future development of the Republic of Texas Museum, Pavilion, Kitchen, and public Rest Rooms). The details of that list will be discussed with the Board of Management at the February meeting.

A prospective fundraiser met with the team on January 18<sup>th</sup> to present ideas for assuming RTHC fundraising duties. The entire team was impressed with the presentation. Following further input from the President General and others, a Fundraising Service Agreement is being prepared for the Board of Management's review at the February 2016 meeting.

At Tim Conger's (DRT public affairs advisor) request, an updated newsletter article on the RTHC was prepared for inclusion in DRT's publicity projects. The article focused largely on the fundraising projects for the RTHC.

Several major end-of-year donations were received from DRT members totaling \$45,500. Thanks to those dedicated members who remember our RTHC Building Fund with their tax-deductible donations.

### Future Meetings:

February 15, 2016 with Steve Saunders regarding sustaining supporters and endowments.