

OAHE CHAPEL NEWS

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Newsletter of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society

Pierre, SD

New Storm Windows

Following the hail storms this past year, the existing storm windows have suffered and were no longer structurally intact. The wood had begun to rot on several of the frames. In addition, the glass in the windows was insufficient to withstand the hail. The decision was made by the Board to order new storm windows from Marvin Windows. The frames are thicker and of mortise and tenon construction so they are much stronger than their predecessors. We also ordered the new storm windows with tempered glass in hopes that they would hold up better in a hail storm.



Front Door to Be Replaced

The front entrance door into the chapel has been a trouble spot for the building for some time. It is not the original door and the construction methods were such that it does not expand and contract correctly with temperatures and humidity changes. Thanks to donations in our donation jar at the Visitor Center, along with cashing in a CD, we were able to order a new door. The door matches the details of the original, except for the fact that the construction methodology will prevent it from operating incorrectly. The door will also have new frame and threshold.



The existing door is still in place. Most likely there is some bracing underneath that has rotted contributing to the door not sitting square in the jamb. The original transom window will be used in the new frame. The historic hardware will also be re-used. As of the newsletter publication date, the new door has not yet been installed. One of the volunteer board members on the “construction crew” was still recovering from surgery. The photos above show the old door and a close-up of some of its deterioration.

RENT THE CHAPEL

Call now to reserve the Oahe Chapel for your wedding, church service, family reunion, or other special event! The Chapel is available for rent year round at the cost of \$50. Members of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society are eligible to rent the facility for a reduced rate of \$35. Events for 2012 are being booked now. To learn more, contact the South Dakota State Historical Society at (605) 773-3458. ❖

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The Oahe Chapel holds a unique place in local history. Restored to its 1914 appearance, the Chapel is still used for church services, intimate weddings, and special events. Your financial contribution is needed to assist the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society in maintaining this historic landmark for future generations. Show your support by returning the form below with your check.

Oahe Chapel Preservation Society Membership Form

Membership investment is for one year. Members will receive the annual Oahe Chapel News to keep up-to-date with current projects at the Oahe Chapel. Members are also eligible to rent the chapel at a reduced rate of \$35. Donations are tax deductible where allowed by law.

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