

# OAHE CHAPEL NEWS

Winter 2020

Newsletter of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society

Pierre, SD

## **Oahe Chapel Preservation Society 2019-2020 Board of Directors**

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The Oahe Chapel Preservation Society was founded in 1984 to preserve and maintain the historic Oahe Chapel near Pierre, South Dakota. Funding for maintenance is provided through annual memberships in the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society, rental fees, donations, and fundraisers.

## **Oahe Chapel During the Pandemic**

2020 has been an unusual year for everyone, including the Oahe Chapel and its visitors. The COVID-19 pandemic meant a quiet summer for the Chapel as all summer services, special events, and the pie social were canceled. The Oahe Chapel sat mostly silent during an otherwise beautiful summer. We are hopeful events and services can return to normal as soon as safely possible.

## **Planned Renovations**

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*Photos of 1985 Chapel renovations. Courtesy SD State Archives*

Not all has been silent at the Oahe Chapel this year, however. The South Dakota State Engineer's Office has committed to provide financial support for some much-needed repairs to the chapel and has hired a preservation-minded architectural firm to carry out the project. Renovations are planned for Summer 2021. We are so happy the state has committed to preserving the chapel and its history.

**Join Our Board** — The Oahe Chapel Preservation Society is seeking new board members. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the Oahe Chapel, contact us at [Oahe.Chapel@state.sd.us](mailto:Oahe.Chapel@state.sd.us) or 605-773-3458 for more information.



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## New Ways to Support the Oahe Chapel through AmazonSmile

Do you use Amazon for online shopping? Well, now you can use AmazonSmile to donate to the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society!

AmazonSmile gives a portion of qualifying purchases back to registered charities.

Sign on to smile.amazon.com with your Amazon account, find the Change your Charity option, and search for Oahe Chapel Preservation Society.

Click Select and start giving back!



*Cindy and Kate front and center with OCPS board members at the Oahe Chapel 140th Anniversary.*

This year we said goodbye to two long-serving board members, Cindy Snow (treasurer) and Kate Nelson (vice president/secretary). Cindy retired from her

position at SD SHPO in May

and Kate left SD SHPO in June to pursue a career in nursing. We thank them both for their dedication to the Oahe Chapel and wish them well in their next adventures. Katie Wasley and Heather Mulliner taken over for Cindy and Kate, respectively, as the SD SHPO staff representatives.

Since 1877, the Oahe Chapel has been a distinctive piece of central South Dakota's history, and it is still used today for weddings, baptisms, and other special events.

For everyone who has helped maintain the chapel for future generations, whether through donations, volunteer services, or just enjoying an event at the chapel,

***we appreciate you!***

### 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.

Please detach this form and mail with check payable to:

**Oahe Chapel Preservation Society PO Box 7201 Pierre, SD 57501**

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	New Member	Renewal	
Sustaining Membership	\$500.00	Family Membership	\$40.00
Patron Membership	\$100.00	Individual Membership	\$25.00

