



Agenda Item # 14
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Dodge County Historical Society

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July 30, 2020

Dear County Board of Directors,

We wish to thank you once again for the continued yearly support of the Dodge County Historical Society/May Museum. We have been ushered into a year of challenge with the Pandemic but work still progresses.

The lead based paint removal and repair work continues on the house. The brick walks in the flower garden have been pressure washed and resealed. Plans are currently also underway for landscaping at the front of the building.

Our difficult situation is the question of reopening to the public for this season. The fact is that our docents are all elderly and do not wish to increase their risk by giving tours to the public. Our decision has been to remain closed for the current time. We can still assist individuals with research and continue with cataloging. It is a very strange feeling to not have visitors inside the house. Many people still make use of the garden and the grounds for taking photographs and for their personal enjoyment.

A few other county museums have attempted to reopen by advance appointment. Saunders County is open in a limited fashion. Their outdoor buildings remain closed at this time as is their second floor. Their curator, Erin Hauser, told me they had a hand full of visitors. The question remains: Is this actually worth the effort?

Guests or not, there is always work to do. We look forward to the future.

I wish to thank you each for all the things you do for the county. You probably rarely receive thanks so I wish to extend that word of encouragement to each you.

Most Sincerrely,

Jeff Kappeler, Executive Director
Dodge County Historical Society/May Museum

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