



Marquette, Nebraska, Jan. 18: Member Larry Molczyk snapped this on his way to the annual meeting, now held at the Marquette Community Center.

Those who ventured out on that cold, blustery Saturday morning enjoyed the new setting, a brief business meeting, the colorful “Year in Review” slide show, a great lunch and tour of the Education Center. As with all Prairie Plains events, the best part was just bringing people together to “catch up,” share ideas and celebrate the progress of our mission of maintaining and restoring Nebraska ecosystems, creating opportunities for education, research, stewardship and community development.

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Left, Don and Dave Vetter, longtime supporting members (Dave a former board member/president); Right, Cliff Dill and Jan Whitney. Cliff (also former board member/president) and Jeanne Dill have been dedicated supporters of Prairie Plains for many years.



We were especially fortunate to have the Education Center’s architect, Lee Schriever (third from right) on hand to direct the post-meeting tour. There has been a great deal of progress on interior framing; next up is work on the heating-cooling and sprinkler systems.

Although the director’s annual financial report was really upbeat and positive, not everyone was impressed.





Brrrr! That's how it was for this little group at our annual New Year's Day Hike at Griffith Prairie. We're pleased to have such dedicated (and perhaps a little crazy) keepers of the tradition.



MORE fun in the snow: The youngest of the group in the first "Winter Explore Days" enjoyed looking for wildlife tracks and creating snow angels during their Bader Park hike. Afterwards, they enjoyed some hot chocolate in the Bader house and learned how to make bird feeders.



In between all the big events, work on the land progresses. Here, seedlings are bustin' out all over the greenhouse, destined for planting in multiple sites. More restoration and stewardship news next month!

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The Prairie Plains Fundraiser, held Jan. 25 in Lincoln at the UNL East Campus Union, was a great time and big success, with over \$12,500 raised. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in any way! Photos from top and counterclockwise: Director Bill Whitney addresses the crowd of around 140; Looking over the live auction



items; Buffet line (the East Campus Union food service does a fabulous job with the local foods menu); Prairie Plains board member Dwayne Braun acting as head cheerleader for the organization; The Band (Bill on bass, Jeff on drums, Sarah on cello, Michael Decatur on keyboard and Myles Jasnowski on guitar) providing background music; and our witty and entertaining emcee Amy Jones assisting auctioneer John Thomas and Gerry Steinauer during the live auction. Photos by Britt Bailey.



Coming up Saturday, Feb 22: Bader Park Earlybird Hike, 7:00 a.m.; Winter Explore at Bader, 10:00 a.m.- 12 noon. Details at prairieplains.org