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Proposal Cover Sheet
District Project Proposal
Phi Delta Kappa

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Rec'd _____

Action Taken _____

A. Project Title: Stone Schoolhouse Project

B. Sponsoring Chapter: Fort Hays State

C. Brief Summary of Project Objective (Supported by Attached Narrative):

We will move a stone schoolhouse onto campus; this building will be a learning laboratory, a meeting place for PDK and other groups, and an important historical site.

D. Project Director: Allan R. Miller

Title: Associate Professor of Education

Address: PHKSC Hays, Kansas 67601

Business Phone: 628-4205 Home Phone: 628-2183

E. Estimated Length of Project: 3 years

Beginning Date: Spring, 1976 (This happened in Salina at the Spring Leadership Conference.)

Completion Date: Spring, 1979

Note: since 1977 will mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of Fort Hays State, we would like to begin moving the schoolhouse next year.

F. District Project Funds Requested (Supported by Attached Budget): _____
\$2,500

G. Describe Degree of Chapter Involvement (Supported by Attached Narrative):

We expect that the degree of chapter involvement will be TOTAL. PDK members will do some of the labor and most of the planning. Allan Miller will coordinate the efforts of students, alumni, townspeople, and groups (such as historical societies and school districts).

H. The following signatures certify that this proposal has the approval of the chapter membership:

Chapter President: Bill Claflin Bill Claflin

Chapter Treasurer: Ed Stehno Ed Stehno

Project Director: Allan R. Miller Allan R. Miller

Budget Format

Project Title:

Sponsoring Chapter:

BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM*	Amount			
	Phi Delta Kappa District Support	Chapter Support	Other Support	Total
1. Stone Schoolhouse Project	\$2,500	\$17,500*	(see below)	\$20,000 **
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
Totals				

*The budget explanation space provided below can be used to explain or clarify the budget items. Add an additional page if needed.

BUDGET EXPLANATION

*We expect that these funds will be both of a monetary nature and of in-kind services. There will be a regular kind of recognition by contributors so that this project will lend itself to memorials. Figures are not more explicit because contractors have not given estimates; they have not been consulted yet because the schoolhouse which will be selected for this project remains to be identified (although there are 12 possibilities at this time).

**This amount is based on the Emporia State project. It is our understanding that the new education building at Emporia is being built close by the restored schoolhouse.

Proposal Narrative Format

Project Title:

Sponsoring Chapter:

The narrative component of the proposal should present a complete, yet concise, description of the project. The format presented below is recommended for the proposal narrative. Headings listed are suggestions and should be used only where applicable.

A. *Nature of Project and Objectives* — Include a description of the project, statement of objectives, and any other information necessary to establish a sound rationale.

B. *Description of Procedures* — Describe procedures for program arrangements and explain activities that will be directed toward completing the project.

C. *Personnel and Facilities* — Identify by key project personnel name, position, experience, responsibilities within the project, and amount of time committed to the project. Special equipment, facilities, and other resources which will be committed to the project if the proposal is approved for support should be described.

D. *Follow Up Activities* — Describe the plans for evaluation, dissemination, and implementation of the project results.

E. *Nature of Final Report* — Describe the final report that will be submitted to the District Representative upon completion of project. The final report is to detail all fiscal transactions and indicate the balance due to the chapter or the unexpended amount to be returned to PDK International.

Start the narrative on the remaining part of this page. Add additional pages as needed and attach appropriate supporting materials.

At the Spring Leadership Conference of PDK in Salina last spring, Vic Sullivan asked chapters to dream dreams. It took Bill Claflin, Al Miller, and Nancy Vogel less than a minute to agree that having a stone schoolhouse on the Fort Hays State campus would be a dream come true. The only Regent institution in the western part of Kansas, FHS is in the land of the post rock. This chalk-like stone ranges in color from almost white to grayish and even almost golden at times; it gives this area a unique geological heritage. As might be expected, inventive pioneers used the stone for fence posts, hitching posts, clotheslines, barns, houses, cathedrals and churches—and schoolhouses. So, although preserving a one-room school building is important in itself (Knotts Berry Farm in California has one from Beloit), saving a stone schoolhouse for future generations is doubly important.

As of October, Allan has written to school administrators in western Kansas (one comment: "it's about time. . . ."). A dozen buildings are known to exist; the next step is to visit the sites and choose one. In the meantime, Earl Bozeman, the person in charge of long-range planning of physical facilities at FHS, will check with the State Architect to identify suitable locations on campus. The two top administrators on campus, President G. W. Tomanek and Vice-president Harold Eickhoff, have indicated their pleasure with the project. Students and some townspeople have been added to the committee. The historical society in Ellis County has been approached. A collection of old schoolbooks has been located (the intention being to house them in the building). The project director will keep an accurate record of all expenses, a listing of goods and services given without charge, and will oversee the establishment of a memorial marker.

We believe that this project will gain good will for education; it will mean that PDK has built a monument on the plains of western Kansas. We hope that PDK International will be as enthusiastic about it as we are.