



2015 Annual Report



Our Mission

The Manitowoc County Historical Society, founded in 1906, is a private, nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation.

The Society collects, interprets, preserves, and promotes the history and heritage of Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, in order to educate the public and heighten its understanding and appreciation of the past as it proceeds into the future.

DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

Throughout the years, the Manitowoc County Historical Society has evolved to become a statewide leader for outdoor museums and interactive programming. We are proud to have created a space that people love visiting, where engaged families regularly come to create memories, spend valuable time together and connect in powerful ways.

Nearly 11,000 visitors joined us in 2015. Our daily attendance rose almost 25 percent and new memberships rose 15 percent compared to 2014.

Highlights included opening our print shop at Pinecrest Historical Village and being recognized by the Wisconsin Historical Society with the 2015 Board of Curators Best Public Program Award for our Buffalo Bill Wild West Show.

Our talented staff and volunteers brought to life our Storybook Village, a new summer preschool reading program, as well as dynamic and hands-on summer camps.

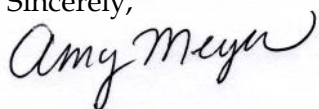
In the past year we have made great steps towards the relocation of the Meeme House Inn to our museum. This large-scale project will serve as a catalyst for the future of our site and our increased attention to interactive, family and adult programming.

While it is wonderful to look at our successes, it is also important to look at where we are headed. Over the course of 2015 our Board of Directors and staff have examined many areas of our operation and mission. As a result of these conversations, difficult decisions were made that will lead to a stronger organization for the future. We have decided to merge all operations to our Pinecrest Historical Village property and update needed procedures.

Not unlike previous years, 2015 found us planning our next big thing — new and meaningful experiences for adults, and ways we could engage young adults, career professionals and adult residents.

Thank you for supporting your Manitowoc County Historical Society!

Sincerely,



Amy Meyer
Executive Director



ATTENDANCE

ADMISSION

(Daily Experience)

2014: 5,326 visitors

2015: 6,689 visitors

▲ 25% increase

SCHOOL STUDENTS

2014: 938 students

2015: 1,197 students

▲ 27% increase

SUMMER CAMP

2014: 34 students

2015: 49 students

▲ 44% increase

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

2014: 53

2015: 61

▲ 15% increase

MEMBERSHIP REVENUE

2014: \$24,940.00

2015: \$22,105.00

▼ 11.4% decrease

SUPPORT

GIFTS & SPONSORSHIP

(General donations and Events)

2014: \$219,511.42

2015: \$132,200.48

▼ 39.8% decrease

2015 SNAPSHOT



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COMMUNITY
to preserve and share our
STORIES

of the past for those of tomorrow.

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2015 FINANCIAL REPORT*

Manitowoc County Historical Society
Summarized Statement of Activities for the 12 months ending December 31, 2015

REVENUE AND SUPPORT*

	<u>Preliminary</u> 2015	<u>Actual</u> 2014
Income:		
Memberships	\$ 22,105	\$ 24,940
Admissions	37,489	37,609
Meetings & Functions	1,455	2,194
Sales	12,908	8,934
Less: Cost of Goods Sold	(5,170)	(6,488)
Rental Income	6,321	3,405
Donations/Sponsorships	10,369	11,245
Fund Raising Projects	3,193	2,806
Annual Appeal	14,279	11,480
Investment Income	(12,315)	39,003
Miscellaneous	4,092	7,424
Bequests	-	99,548
Restricted Funds Receipts	123,631	108,718
Total Income	\$ 218,357	\$ 350,818

EXPENDITURES*

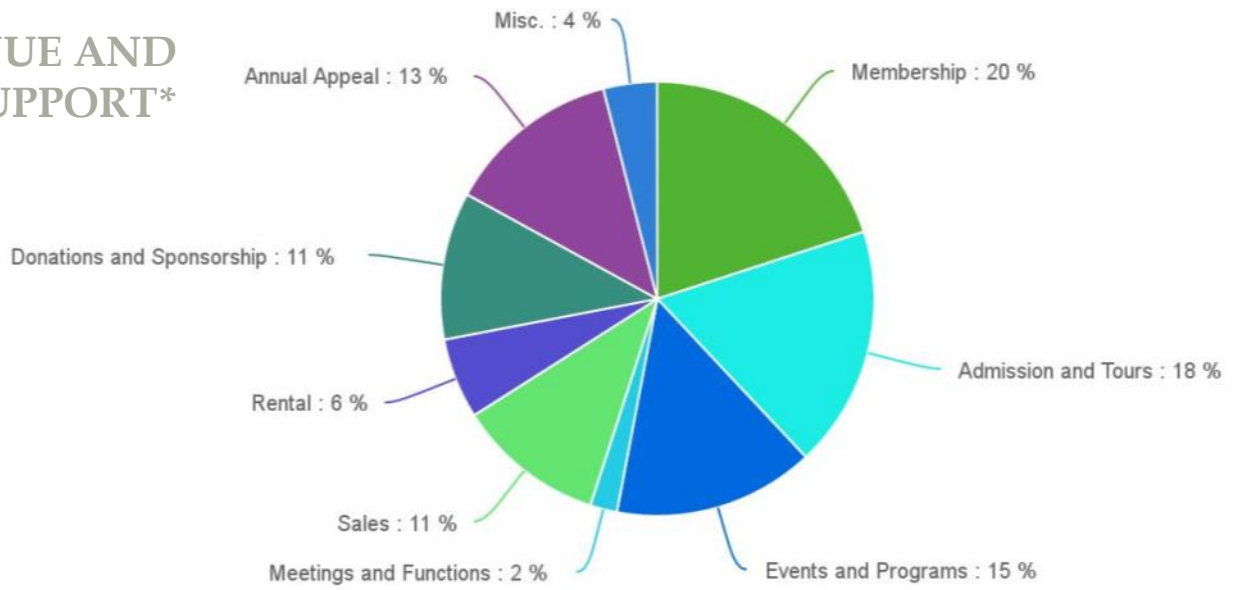
Expenses:		
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 66,163	\$ 74,964
Meeting Expense	2,067	2,603
Program Expense	7,714	10,120
Supplies	2,830	3,801
Advertising	9,307	2,893
Postage & Printing	4,003	2,823
Utilities	17,123	22,730
Insurance	9,352	8,527
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	10,498	4,125
Buildings & Grounds	3,498	6,691
Equipment & Repairs	2,600	2,416
Special Fund Raising Events	1,577	1,652
Exhibits & Collections	120	504
Other Expense	2,228	3,747
Paid From Restricted Funds	183,950	38,247
Total Expenses	\$ 323,030	\$ 185,843
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (104,673)	\$ 164,975

Income (Loss) Excluding Restricted Funds	\$ (44,354)	\$ 94,504
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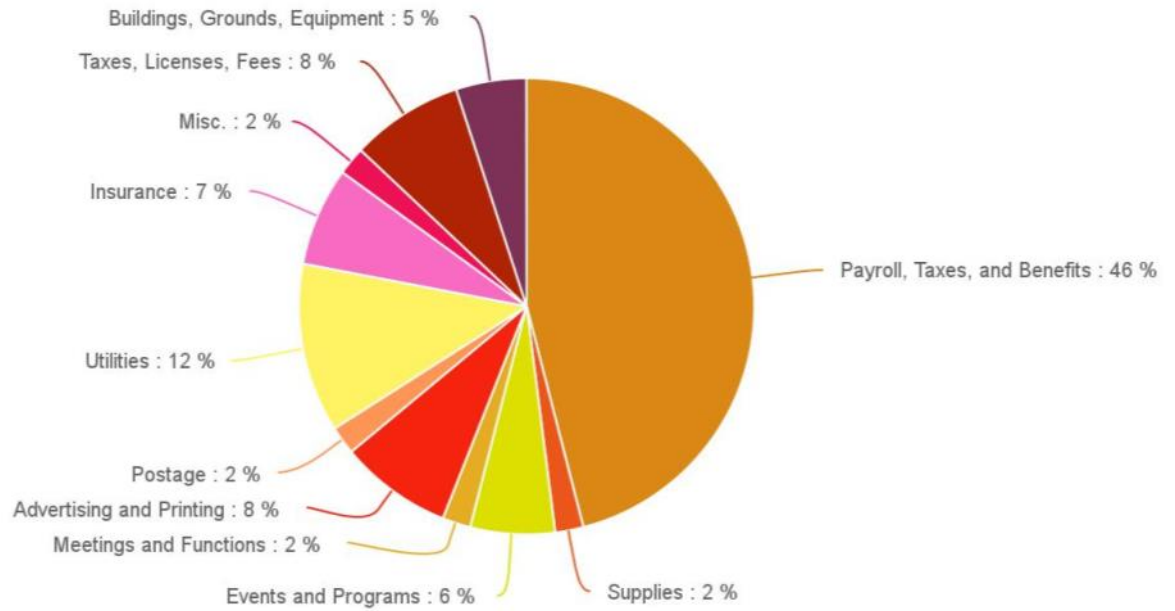
Endowment Fund Year End Balances

Cash & Investments	\$ 478,419	\$ 590,837
Pledges Receivable	-	-
Total	\$ 478,419	\$ 590,837

REVENUE AND SUPPORT*



EXPENDITURES*



*does not include restricted funds



2015 MCHS VOLUNTEERS WITH OVER 100 HOURS OF SERVICE

Lucille DeWein

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The Meeme Project

At the Manitowoc County Historical Society we are dedicated to curiosity and learning, and everything we do moves us closer to that end. We spend a lot of time thinking about where we have been and where we are headed.

Since purchasing the historic Meeme House Inn in 2013, we have been committed to moving forward and bringing the Inn to become a true living history experience.

In the past year we have made great developments in this project. Funds have been secured to relocate the historic structure to our site. We have worked with Eis Movers from Two Rivers, talented architects at Legacy Architecture in Sheboygan and Hamann Construction in Manitowoc to ensure we will have a space that will honor its beginnings but also meet our programming and site needs.

To prepare for the move, the second floor of the Inn was stripped down to its studs – which revealed many interesting building techniques, possible early layout hints, and found items! Beams have been secured into place on the first and second floors for relocation.

To stay up to date on the Meeme Project, please follow our website and facebook page.



Our Year

2015

By the Numbers...

400 “Shake Butter” tubes

192 Apples

96 Mice Caught

8 Gallons of Ice Cream

1 Reproduction 1870s Bicycle

11,000 Visitors

2 New Programs

Storybook Village and History Happy Hour





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