

# MANITOBA MENNONITE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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## Annual Reports

for

**2011**

Annual General Meeting  
2012 April 14  
Mennonite Heritage Village  
Steinbach, Manitoba

Report from the MMHS Executive Committee:

April 14, 2012

The executive has been working towards making the society structure functional. On November 16, 2012, a board meeting was held in Morris, Manitoba to discuss the future of MMHS. A number of options for the structure of MMHS were proposed, and the executive was tasked with redrafting the constitution and circulating the draft to the board for discussion by email. The process has not yet been completed.

Options that could be considered, are to go ahead with the original plan of discussing a draft constitution by email, or have a special board meeting with the constitution as the main agenda.

Proposed motion:

Be it resolved that:

The elections and terms of directors and committee members be suspended until such time as the members approve governance changes.

These changes will be presented to the members at a meeting called for this purpose and this hereby gives notice of this meeting.

MANITOBA MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
April 14, 2012

MENNONITE HERITAGE VILLAGE  
STEINBACH, MANITOBA

Report on Heritage Posting

On April 9, 2011, almost a year ago to the day, Adolf Ens convened a meeting at Mennonite Heritage Village to discuss matters relating to the ongoing publication of Heritage Posting (HP). Present at that meeting were: Maria Lodge, Loren Koehler, Adolf Ens, Conrad Stoesz, Lawrence Klippenstein, and Bert Friesen

The following was agreed to at that meeting:

1. To recommend to the Board that Maria Lodge be appointed editor and Loren Koehler circulation manager, effective with issue Number 69. Both agreed to accept the respective positions. Adolf will propose this to the MMHS Board at its next meeting.
2. To continue production as it currently is, with Ted Barg as layout person and Christian Press as the printer. Conrad Stoesz agreed to receive the printed copies, keeping 25 for each of the Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies (CMBS) and Mennonite Heritage Centre (MHC), and bringing them to Vic Froese for delivery to Steinbach for purposes of mailing. Loren will leave an appropriate number of copies at Mennonite Heritage Village (MHV) for complimentary and promotional distribution.
3. Bert Friesen will continue to keep the subscriber lists (surface mail and electronic copy) up to date.

In addition to the individuals having specifically assigned responsibilities, whose willing contributions are much appreciated, various other members have provided valuable insights and materials for Heritage Posting. Adolf Ens has given critical and indispensable direction and helpful suggestions in addition to providing articles for our newsletter.

Lawrence Klippenstein continues to be actively involved with HP in various ways, including suggesting topics for consideration, names of individuals who might be willing to write articles, highlighting books to be reviewed, and regularly writing book notes. In addition to these helpful activities, Lawrence routinely assists Loren with matters relating to distribution.

During 2011, following the April, 2011 meeting, two more issues of Heritage Posting were published. The first issue in 2012 was published in February, with plans for the next newsletter to be published in June.

We have attempted to include reports and articles on important events relating to Mennonites in Manitoba, and in some instances on activities in other parts of the world that were significant to us here. In addition to these reports we have also included book reviews and book notes in each issue.

Many individuals have contributed to our newsletter. It goes without saying that HP would not have been produced without such willingness on the part of so many. It has been genuinely gratifying to me that this was the case.

Loren's work as Circulation Manager has included working on the new website membership database to generate reports and update addresses, and sending out newsletters both electronically and through regular mail. Approximately 75 subscribers now receive the newsletter by email, a number which continues to grow with each issue. This has significantly decreased the amount of time spent in distributing each newsletter as well as decreasing the cost of distribution.

Ted Barg has indicated that he is willing to continue doing the layout, if the membership so wishes. I share Ted's view that we have a good working relationship, one which I personally value highly.

Bert Friesen advises that we spent approximately \$1,200.00 in 2011. I propose that the budget for HP for 2012 continue with this figure, thereby providing us with a bit of room for promotional material and expenses.

Submitted by Maria Falk Lodge

Sites and Monuments Committee report to the AGM of  
Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society, April 14, 2012

This committee as such has not been active this past year. However, individual members have been involved in activities related to the committee.

John Giesbrecht and Lawrence Giesbrecht and Abe E. Ens have been part of the Altbergthal School Project attending meetings of the committee. John Giesbrecht also attends meetings in regards to the Fort Dufferin Site. A few buildings are slated to be restored and grants have been applied for. At this point I am not quite sure what the status of these applications is.

Abe E. Ens has been invited by a "self appointed" historian of the "Rosenhoff" Riverside community. She is working on some plans of erecting a Cairn commemorating the establishment of this village on the "Scratching River Reserve." Also is looking at some cemeteries and former school sites. By the time of the AGM more will be known.

It may well be that the Society will be approached to receipt donations towards these projects. This will be done at the appropriate time.

The restoration of the "Post Road" sign at the junction of PTH 75 and PR 243 is still on our agenda as well as collecting data and pictures of existing Sites and descriptions thereof.

Respectfully submitted by

Abe E. Ens,  
Chair

MMHS Genealogy Committee

A family history essay contest for Manitoba high school students was adjudicated. The Henry E. Plett Memorial cash award went to two students from Steinbach Christian High School – Brett Rempel and Olivia Peters.

The committee participated in the Family and Local History Day on April 9 at the Mennonite Heritage Village (MHV) featuring stories about Conscientious Objectors by Conrad Stoesz and others; information on genealogical resources found in war documents from the Berlin Document Center by Alf Redekopp; and an introduction to the Mennonite Heritage Portrait Project by Janelle Martin.

The committee met to assist in the planning for the 2012 Family and Local History Day scheduled for April 14, 2012 at the Mennonite Heritage Village.

Submitted by Alf Redekopp

## Local History Committee

**Members:** Joe Braun, Altona, co--chair; Dave Harms, Altona, co--chair; Marlene Plett, Altona, secretary; Jacob L Peters, Winnipeg (EastMenn liaison); Jake E. Peters, Winnipeg.

**EastMenn Historical Committee:** working committee under the auspices of the Local History Committee  
**Members:** Jacob L Peters, chair; Ernest N. Braun secretary; Henry N. Fast, Ben Funk, Glen Klassen, Orlando Hiebert

### Draft Report for the Year 2011 to the Annual Meeting

#### Workshops

For many years the Committee has organized public meetings on themes related to Manitoba Mennonite life and history. No such "workshop" was held this past year.

However, the Eastmenn Historical Committee continued its active role in this area as co-sponsor (with MMHS Genealogy & Family History Committee and Mennonite Heritage Village) in hosting the annual Family and Local History Day at MHV in April. The 2012 date is April 14, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm.

Several members of the Local History Committee have given primary leadership to an annual series of four evening meetings (Wednesdays in March, 7:00 – 9:00 pm). These feature presentations on various themes related to Mennonite in Manitoba under the sponsorship of Altona History Seekers.

#### Publications

The planned publication of volume 5 of the East Reserve Historical Series was highlighted in our report to last year's annual meeting. The *History of the Chortitzer Mennonite Church of Manitoba 1874–1914* by Dennis Stoesz was published on 30 July 2011. Press run and sales details can be found in financial and inventory reports in this booklet.

A sub-committee with two members (Jake E. Peters and Adolf Ens) representing the Local History Committee and two (Ernest Braun and Jacob L. Peters) representing the EastMenn Historical Committee prepared the manuscript (initially presented to the history department of the University of Manitoba in 1987 as the author's M.A. Thesis.

In 2012 the Committee plans to publish *Voice in the Wilderness: Memoirs of Peter A. Elias (1843–1925)*, as volume 6 of the West Reserve. This book (ca. 185 pages), consists of a translation of a selection of the so-called "diaries" of Elias. These memoirs have been widely quoted by scholars and historians of Mennonite life in Manitoba during the fifty years from Elias' arrival from Russia in 1875 and his death in 1925. Henry Unger and Adolf Ens located additional materials and selected key portions for translation. It is scheduled for publication in 2011 in the West Reserve Historical Series.

#### EastMenn Historical Committee

The EastMenn Historical Committee functions independently but reports to the Board and AGM of MMHS via the Local History Committee.

#### Other Projects

Joe Braun was represented our committee and the MMHS on the relocation of the Altbergthal school building. It is hoped that it will be moved to Neubergthal this spring.

Work toward the goal of producing published historical reports on all current and former Mennonite villages is progressing slowly. A book on Neuenburg-Birkenhead is to be published this summer; work on a Rosenfeld book is progressing; and a paper on Schoenthal may be published later this year.

Joe Braun and Dave Harms, co-Chairs, Local History Committee

2011 in Review [December 2011]

*EastMenn Historical Committee (hereinafter referred to as EastMenn)*  
*A working committee under the auspices of the Local History Committee of MMHS.*

Committee Members: Jake L. Peters chair and Local History representative, Ernest N. Braun secretary; and Henry N. Fast, Ben Funk, Glen Klassen, and Orlando Hiebert as members-at-large.

EastMenn again partnered with MMHS to host the annual Local History Day at the Mennonite Heritage Village Museum in Steinbach on April 9, with the morning dedicated to displays, and the afternoon to presentations. Conrad Stoesz chaired the first session, featuring former Conscientious Objectors from the area telling their stories. Alf Redekopp then gave an overview of the EWZ [*Einwandererzentrale*] documents (genealogical data collected by the German Government during WWII) now available through Mennonite Heritage Centre. The last session was an introduction to a new website featuring Mennonite photographs: [www.mennoniteheritageportrait.ca](http://www.mennoniteheritageportrait.ca).

Orlando Hiebert and Harold Dyck have designed Heritage Plaques to be placed at the sites of former District schools in the RM of Hanover, and plan to have them in place early 2012.

This summer saw the publication of Volume V of the former HSHS series [now MMHS]. A short program at the Museum on Saturday July 30 launched *A History of the Chortitzer Mennonite Church of Manitoba – 1874-1914* by Dennis E. Stoesz. Editors were Adolf Ens, Jacob E. Peters, Jacob L. Peters, and Ernest N. Braun.

An ongoing project for EastMenn is the ER Historical Atlas, which is the publication of an augmented version of the Rempel and Harms Atlas of the Mennonite East Reserve. The new version will also include cemetery and school GPS locations, original trails, water courses, and early maps of the area. Much of the research is complete, and conversion/transcription work of the original text has been started.

Submitted by Ernest N. Braun  
Secretary, EHC



## Treasurer's Report

MMHS

FY2011

1. The revenues came in almost exactly as budgeted. The donations were lower than expected, and this is some cause for concern. However, book sales were much higher than expected. This overcame the donation shortfall and so the revenues were as expected.

2. The expenditures came in also close to the budgeted figures. The cost of book sales was higher because of the greater sales than expected. The printing costs are apportioned as the books are sold on a per unit basis. In FY2011 another title was written off as having any inventory value. The higher special projects costs were offset by grant revenues.

3. Our external consultant and I have reconciled and prepared these statements correcting any errors or omissions along the way. Although much of the work performed was similar to previous year's, we should not consider the work performed as an external audit, but more like an internal review. This reflects the changes in interpreting the regulations of the accounting association which allowed our external consultant to only state what he stated.

4. The proposed budget reflects the planned activities of the various groups for the next fiscal year, 2012.

### Recommendations:

1. That the MMHS reviewed financial reports be accepted.
2. That the MMHS reviewer/auditor for the FY2012 be Randy Wiebe.
3. That the MMHS proposed budget be accepted as presented.

Submitted by  
Bert Friesen

To the Members of the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society

As external consultant to the treasurer of the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society, I provide routine accounting assistance, including, but not limited to, questions about the preparation of journal entries, reconciliations, and adjustments to the statements. I provide support in the preparation of financial and supplementary reporting, insuring that relevant information is presented to the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society.

Additionally, I provide support in the annual preparation of the Society's T3010 responding to any questions regarding the proper presentation of this Canada Revenue Agency required filing.

Finally, although at year-end I assist in the reconciliation of accounts, preparation of Financial Statements, I do not perform the procedures required to execute a review or audit engagement. As external consultant, my involvement cannot be viewed as an independent auditor providing assurance of the validity of the Financial Statements in accordance to Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Winnipeg  
February 19, 2012

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Randy Wiebe

## Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society

## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2011

	<u>Dec 31, 11</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
Chequing	1,325.17
Plan 24 Account	1,750.82
Crosstown Share Capital	5.00
Surplus Shares	93.56
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<u>3,174.55</u>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Accounts Receivable	1,457.50
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>1,457.50</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Inventory Asset	5,300.44
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>5,300.44</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	9,932.49
<b>Other Assets</b>	
General Investment	7,753.96
Eastmenn Investment Account	34,241.05
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>41,995.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>51,927.49</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unearned Revenue	215.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>215.00</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>215.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	215.00
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	52,279.02
Retained Earnings	6,395.84
Net Income	-6,962.37
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>51,712.49</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>51,927.49</u></u>

**Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society**  
**Financial Statement**  
 January - December 2011

	Jan - Dec 11
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Administration</b>	
Investment interest	227.48
AGM	490.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	717.48
<b>Donations</b>	1,570.00
<b>Eastmenn comm.</b>	
Book sales	975.06
Investment interest	1,004.53
<b>Total Eastmenn comm.</b>	1,979.59
<b>Genealogy Committee</b>	
Genealogy Book Series	175.00
Plett awards	700.00
<b>Total Genealogy Committee</b>	875.00
<b>Historic Sites &amp; Monuments Com.</b>	
Altbergthal school project	6,900.00
<b>Total Historic Sites &amp; Monuments Com.</b>	6,900.00
<b>Interest</b>	30.02
<b>Local History Committee</b>	
Book Sales	725.00
<b>Total Local History Committee</b>	725.00
<b>M. &amp; P. Comm.</b>	
Special projects	134.60
US cur	-1.46
<b>Total M. &amp; P. Comm.</b>	133.14
<b>Membership Dues</b>	
2011 Dues	3,426.65
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	3,426.65
<b>Publication &amp; Marketing Committ</b>	
Book sales	10.00
<b>Total Publication &amp; Marketing Committ</b>	10.00
<b>Special projects</b>	
CO Cairn project	35.00
web redesign genealogy	500.00
<b>Total Special projects</b>	535.00
<b>Total Income</b>	16,901.88
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
Cost of Goods Sold	1,514.49
<b>Total COGS</b>	1,514.49
<b>Gross Profit</b>	15,387.39
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Administration</b>	
Banking charges	232.77
AGM	337.32
Corporation fee	25.00
Office supplies	17.26
Photocopies	100.80
Postage & Delivery	99.19
Storage space	100.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	912.34

**Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society**  
**Financial Statement**  
 January - December 2011

	Jan - Dec 11
<b>Eastmenn HC</b>	
Book purchases	0.00
Storage	250.00
Settlers CD reorder/promotion	22.24
Cemetery project	500.00
Stoesz Manuscript Publication	269.11
Sommerfeld MSS project	20.01
Workshop	150.00
Inventory Write-off	0.56
Aerial photo project	84.36
Comm. mtg.	387.70
Photocopies	95.20
<b>Total Eastmenn HC</b>	1,779.18
<b>Genealogy Comm.</b>	
Plett award	700.00
Web design project	3,062.50
Workshops	150.00
<b>Total Genealogy Comm.</b>	3,912.50
<b>Historic Sites &amp; Monuments Comm</b>	
Altberghal school project	6,900.00
<b>Total Historic Sites &amp; Monuments Comm</b>	6,900.00
<b>Insurance</b>	
Liability Insurance	650.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	650.00
<b>Local History Comm.</b>	
Storage	150.00
Book purchases	0.00
Comm. mtg.	68.55
Inventory write off	2,924.29
<b>Total Local History Comm.</b>	3,142.84
<b>Membership &amp; Publicity Comm.</b>	
HP Postage	249.35
HP Printing	911.75
WWW	86.98
<b>Total Membership &amp; Publicity Comm.</b>	1,248.08
<b>MHSC</b>	
GAMEO	1,000.00
Membership dues	750.00
Travel	205.45
<b>Total MHSC</b>	1,955.45
<b>Professional Fees</b>	
Accounting	535.00
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	535.00
<b>Special project</b>	
2011 Calendar	314.37
CO project	1,000.00
<b>Total Special project</b>	1,314.37
<b>Total Expense</b>	22,349.76
<b>Net Income</b>	-6,962.37

Schedule 1	General	Local history	Genealogy	Pub. & Mark.	M. & P.	H. S. & M.	Eastmann	Special Prj.	Total	Budget
Opening balance 2011 Jan 1	2,984.78	18,665.16	3,147.86	206.97	531.47	-842.48	32,981.10	1,000.00	58,674.86	70,922.47
Income										
Donations	1,570.00								1,570.00	2,000.00
Membership dues (Note 2)	2,265.55				1,161.10				3,426.65	3,000.00
Interest	257.50						1,004.53		1,262.03	1,200.00
Workshops	490.00						975.06		490.00	200.00
Book sales		725.00	175.00	10.00					1,885.06	895.00
Other income			1,200.00		133.14	6,900.00		35.00	8,268.14	8,060.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>4,583.05</b>	<b>725.00</b>	<b>1,375.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>1,294.24</b>	<b>6,900.00</b>	<b>1,979.59</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>16,901.88</b>	<b>15,355.00</b>
Expenses										
AGM & comm. mtgs.	542.77	68.55					387.70		998.02	725.00
Dues & Subscriptions	1,775.00								1,775.00	1,775.00
Plett award			700.00						700.00	550.00
Cost of book sales		319.25	118.64				1,076.60		1,514.49	764.90
Other printing and shipping					1,161.10				1,161.10	8,300.00
Liability insurance	650.00								650.00	650.00
Professional fees	535.00								535.00	550.00
Inventory write off		2,924.29					0.56		2,924.85	0.00
Special projects (Note 1)	314.37		3,062.50			6,900.00	895.72	1,000.00	12,172.59	6,675.00
Workshops			150.00				150.00		300.00	800.00
Office and storage (Note 3)	550.02	150.00			86.98		345.20		1,132.20	2,215.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>4,367.16</b>	<b>3,462.09</b>	<b>4,031.14</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,248.08</b>	<b>6,900.00</b>	<b>2,855.78</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>23,864.25</b>	<b>23,004.90</b>
Surplus <deficit>	215.89	-2,737.09	-2,656.14	10.00	46.16	0.00	-876.19	-965.00	-6,962.37	-7,649.90
Unearned Revenue (Note 5)	215.00								215.00	
Ending balance - 2011 December	3,200.67	15,928.07	491.72	216.97	577.63	-842.48	32,104.91	35.00	51,927.49	63,272.57

Schedule 1 (cont'd)										
Balances are comprised of:										
Bank and investments	3,200.67	15,203.07	-98.54	206.97	577.63	-842.48	26,672.23	35.00		44,954.56
Accounts Receivable		725.00	175.00	10.00			547.50			1,457.50
Books (see schedule 2)			415.26				4,885.18			5,300.44
Unearned Revenue (Note 5)	215.00									215.00
Retained Earnings	3,415.67	15,928.07	494.72	216.97	577.63	-842.48	32,104.91	35.00		51,927.49

Note 1  
Special Projects expenditures consist of: Eastmenn HC projects

Note 2  
Membership dues are first credited to Membership and Publicity to cover the regular costs of maintaining members.

Note 3  
Office and storage costs consist of: office supplies and storage costs

Note 4  
The asset value of the inventory will be decreased for any title five years after publication.

Note 5  
The revenue was generated in this fiscal year for the next fiscal year.

Schedule 2 - FY 2011	unit price	0:00 \$20	unit price	1880 Census	\$30	unit price	\$30	unit price	\$30	Total	unit price	\$35.00	unit price	\$10	unit price	\$30	unit price	\$15	
	Church #	village	#	#	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	WRVH #	Migration #	Rempel \$	Vol.4-CD #	Settlers \$	Settlers #	Sketches #	Sketches \$		
<b>Book Sales</b>																			
Sales	5	50.00	5	75.00	15	225.00	25	375.00	50	725.00	10	175.00	8	82.56	9	135.00	2	15.00	
Unit Price	unit cost	0	unit cost	0	unit cost	0	unit cost	12.77	unit cost	3,243.54	unit cost	11.86	unit cost	0.56	unit cost	17.20	unit cost	0.00	
Opening inventory	227	0.00	164	0.00	1013	0.00	254	3,243.54	1658	3,243.54	51	605.09	2	1.12	299	5,144.01	324	0.00	
Adjustment to inventory	4		11		1				16	0.00	6	71.187	75	42.00	37		3		
Adjusted opening inventory	223	0.00	153	0.00	1012	0.00	254	3,243.54	1642	3,243.54	45	533.90	77	43.12	262	4,507.46	321	0.00	
Add: Printing costs																			
Books available for sale	250	0.00			1012	0.00	324	4,137.43	1586	4,137.43	45	533.90							
Deduct: Adjust. to inventory								2,924.29											
Closing inventory	218	0.00	148	0	997	0.00	229	0.00	1592	0.00	35	415.26	69	38.64	253	4,352.62	319	0.00	
Cost of Books sold		0.00		0.00		0.00	25	319.25	25	319.25	10	118.64	8	4.48	9	154.84	2	0.00	
Adjustment to inventory cost										0									
Net Profit		50.00		75.00		225.00		55.75		405.75		56.36		120.64		-19.84		15.00	



unit price	\$10	unit price	\$15	unit price	unit price	\$7.50	Other ADIII&IV	\$10	Total ERWH	Total		
#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#		
Warkentin	Oberschulz	Chortitzer										
0	0	5	37.50	0	705.00	57	2	10.00	93	1,160.06	143	1,885.06
			0.00									
29	0.00	169	0.00	21	200	7.06	340	0	2049	5,750.21		
10				3	73		2		24	113.19		
19	0.00	169	0.00	18	127		342	0.00	2029	5,084.48		
							342	0	2029	5,084.48		
19	0.00	164	0.00	18	70	493.92	340	0.00	2037	5,300.44		5,300.44
0	0.00	5	0.00	0	917.28		2	0	36	1,195.24		1,514.49
										0.00		
	0.00		37.50		-212.28		0	10.00		7.38		370.57

**Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society**  
**Proposed Budget**  
 January - December 2012

	Jan - Dec 12
<b>Income</b>	
Administration	
Investment interest	225.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>225.00</b>
Donations	1,500.00
Eastmenn comm.	
Book sales	495.00
Investment interest	1,000.00
Other income	10,000.00
<b>Total Eastmenn comm.</b>	<b>11,495.00</b>
Genealogy Committee	
Genealogy Book Series	175.00
Plett awards	600.00
Workshop	150.00
<b>Total Genealogy Committee</b>	<b>925.00</b>
Historic Sites & Monuments Com.	
Other	1,000.00
Altbergthal school project	1,000.00
<b>Total Historic Sites &amp; Monuments Com.</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
Interest	25.00
Local History Committee	
Book Sales	700.00
Workshop	300.00
<b>Total Local History Committee</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
M. & P. Comm.	
WWW-ads	125.00
<b>Total M. &amp; P. Comm.</b>	<b>125.00</b>
Membership Dues	
2012 Dues	3,000.00
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
Publication & Marketing Committ	
Royalties	25.00
<b>Total Publication &amp; Marketing Committ</b>	<b>25.00</b>
Special projects	
CO Cairn project	500.00
<b>Total Special projects</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,820.00</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
Cost of Goods Sold	401.56
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>401.56</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>20,418.44</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Administration	
Corporation fee	25.00
Office supplies	325.00
Postage & Delivery	100.00
Storage space	100.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>550.00</b>

Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society

Proposed Budget

January - December 2012

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Eastmenn HC	
Storage	225.00
School marker project	5,500.00
Workshop	500.00
Atlas project	4,500.00
Aerial photo project	1,000.00
Comm. mtg.	150.00
<b>Total Eastmenn HC</b>	<b>11,875.00</b>
Genealogy Comm.	
Plett award	600.00
Workshops	150.00
<b>Total Genealogy Comm.</b>	<b>750.00</b>
Historic Sites & Monuments Comm	
Altberghal school project	1,000.00
Post Road project	1,000.00
<b>Total Historic Sites &amp; Monuments Comm</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
Insurance	
Liability Insurance	650.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>650.00</b>
Local History Comm.	
Storage	150.00
Comm. mtg.	100.00
<b>Total Local History Comm.</b>	<b>250.00</b>
Membership & Publicity Comm.	
HP Postage	250.00
HP Printing	900.00
Publicity	100.00
WWW	100.00
<b>Total Membership &amp; Publicity Comm.</b>	<b>1,350.00</b>
MHSC	
GAMEO	1,000.00
Membership dues	750.00
<b>Total MHSC</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>
Professional Fees	
Accounting	550.00
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>550.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>19,725.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>693.44</u></b>

MMHS Conscientious objector committee report.

2011 was a monumental year for the telling the conscientious objector (CO) story in Manitoba but has much earlier beginnings. In 2001 MMHS forwarded a recommendation to the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada (MHSC) that a monument be erected commemorating conscientious objectors and their service. While this recommendation was not acted upon by MHSC, activities surrounding the remembrance of CO experience have taken place.

On September 11, 2011 MMHS in partnership with the Evangelical Anabaptist Fellowship unveiled the Wall of Remembrance in Winkler. 3021 bricks make up the wall representing the number of men from this province who served as conscientious objectors, performing alternative service during the Second World War (see Heritage Posting November 2011, p. 7). Since this event MMHS has forwarded some funds to an Altona committee for a similar monument in Altona. Conversations continue with a monument in Steinbach. These activities are being noticed in our sister organizations in other provinces, encouraging them to ask themselves what should be done in their contexts. Travel Manitoba has also made inquiries about adding the Wall to the list of attractions in Manitoba.

Riding Mountain National Park continues to be interested in the CO story. Park staff are currently working at erecting a plaque at Whirlpool Lake which was created by the conscientious objectors during their service. Photos of COs at work building the dam creating the lake have been requested and forwarded to Park staff for their research.

As time passes the number of COs from the Second World War are dwindling in number. Conrad Stoesz and film producer Andrew Wall have started filming interviews with COs, trying to capture their experience.

Conrad Stoesz, April 10, 2012.

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**MANITOBA  
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Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society  
By-Law No. 1

A By-law relating generally to the transaction of the affairs of the *Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society Inc.*

Be it enacted as a By-law of the *Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society Inc.*

Seal

1. The seal, an impression whereof is stamped in the margin hereof, shall be the Corporate Seal of the Corporation.

Head Office

2. The Head Office of the Corporation shall be located at the city of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, Canada, at the place therein as the directors may from time to time decide.

Purposes

3. The purposes of the Corporation shall be to foster an understanding of and respect for the history and beliefs of the Mennonite people in the past and present, and to challenge them to give new expression to this heritage in the future.

4. In particular the Corporation has the following objectives:-

- 4.1 to promote research, analysis and publication of essays, dissertations, books, etc., on various aspects of the Mennonite experience;
- 4.2 to search out and encourage the preservation of historical sites and Mennonite cemeteries and to establish markers, cairns and other monuments to the Mennonite events and personalities;
- 4.3 to organize public lectures and provide resources for schools and other organizations;
- 4.4 to encourage the expression of the Mennonite experience in various areas such as literature, drama, history, fine arts, music, geography, sociology, religion, and to foster interdisciplinary discussions;
- 4.5 in co-operation with various Mennonite archives and museums to collect, preserve and exhibit articles and documents of historical value;
- 4.6 to foster inter-Mennonite unity and understanding with the various Mennonite archives and museums;
- 4.7 to interpret and promote the religious convictions of the Anabaptist-Mennonite people, past and present.

Members of the Corporation

5. Any person who is in agreement with the purposes, objectives and spirit of this Corporation may become a member, subject to approval of the board of directors. All members shall have the right to attend any business meeting of the Corporation and shall be entitled to receive all notices of and Minutes of the General Meetings of the Corporation.

Affiliated Organizations

6. Subject to approval by the Board of Directors, any organization whose has similar interests to those of this Corporation may become an affiliated organization.

6.1 Affiliated organizations may participate in the activities of the Corporation and appoint members to the Advisory Council.

6.2 An affiliated organization may receive funds from the Corporation to conduct the Corporations programs and activities where funds have been received for that purpose.

Dues

7. There shall be no dues or fees payable by members except such, if any, as shall from time to time be fixed by a majority vote of the board of directors, which vote shall become effective only when confirmed by the voting members at an annual or other special general meeting.

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Advisory Council

8. A maximum number of 2 (two) members from each affiliated organization or standing committee of the Corporation shall be members of the Corporation's Advisory Council.

8.1 The Advisory Council shall meet a minimum of twice annually at places and times it determines for that purpose.

8.2 The President, or designate, shall act as Chair of Advisory Council meetings.

8.3 The Advisory Council's mandate shall be to:

8.3.1 share information about activities that are being pursued in the province that are related to the mandate of the Corporation.

8.3.2 advise the Board of Directors regarding Corporation policies, budgets and programs.

8.3.3 coordinate activities to maximize resources and to minimize overlap and inefficiencies.

8.3.4 nominate Corporation members from the Council to stand for election to the Board of Directors

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10. Directors shall be eligible for re-election at the annual meeting of members of the Corporation, providing that no directors shall be elected for more than three consecutive two year terms. A director with six consecutive years of service shall be eligible for re-election only after an interval of at least one year has elapsed.

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Board of Directors

9. Any person that is a member of good standing of the Corporation shall be eligible to be elected as a member of the board of directors.

10. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a board of 5 (five) members of whom a majority shall constitute a quorum. The board of directors shall not transact business at any meeting unless a quorum of board of directors is present.

11. Directors shall be elected for a two-year term by the annual meeting of the members of the Corporation. Nominations from the Advisory Council and from the floor will be placed on the ballot.

12. The office of director shall be automatically vacated:-

12.1 if a director shall resign his office by delivering a written resignation to the Secretary of the Corporation;

12.2 if a director is found to be of unsound mind;

12.3 if at a special general meeting of the members of the Corporation a resolution is passed by two-thirds of the members present and eligible to vote at the meeting that he be

removed from office.  
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A vacancy occurring in the term of any member of the board of directors may be filled until the next annual meeting of the members of the Corporation by a majority vote of the board of directors present at any meeting thereof. Such elections shall be effective only until the next annual meeting of the members of the Corporation. Directors who have completed six years of service are ineligible to serve in the following year.

13. The directors may exercise all such powers of the Corporation as are not by these By-laws of the Corporation Act (Manitoba) required to be exercised by the members at a general meeting.

14. The board of directors shall have power to authorize expenditures on behalf of the Corporation from time to time and may delegate by resolution to an officer or officers of the Corporation the right to employ and pay salaries to employees. The board of directors shall have the power to make expenditures for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the Corporation.

15. The board of directors shall take such steps as they may deem requisite to enable the Corporation to receive donations and benefits for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the Corporation.

#### Officers

16. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

16.1. All officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the board of directors from among its members by a majority vote of the directors present at the meeting. This meeting shall be held as soon as possible after the annual meeting. All officers of the Corporation shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected in their stead.

16.1.1. The President shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the members of the Corporation and shall be charged with the general management supervision of the affairs and operations of the Corporation. The President with the Secretary or such other officer as may be appointed by the board of directors for the purpose shall sign all By-laws. During the absence or inability of the President, his duties and powers may be exercised by the Vice-President or such other director as the board may from time to time appoint for the purpose. exercises any such duty or power, the absence or inability of the President shall be presumed with reference thereto.

16.1.2. The Secretary or such officer appointed in his stead shall attend all sessions of the board and all meetings of the members and act as clerk thereof and record all decisions and minutes of all proceedings in the books to be kept for that purpose. He shall give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the members and the board of directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors. He shall be custodian of the seal of the Corporation, which he shall deliver only when authorized by a resolution of the board of directors to do so and to such person or persons as may be named in the resolution.

16.1.3. The Treasurer or such officer as shall be appointed in his stead shall have the custody of the Corporate funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation and shall deposit all monies and other

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valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation and in such depositories as may be designated by the board of directors from time to time. He shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the board, taking the proper vouchers for such disbursements and shall render to the President and the directors at the regular meeting of the board, or whenever they require it, an account of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial position of the Corporation. He shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be determined by the Board.

16.14. The duties of all other officers of the Corporation shall be such as the terms of their engagement call for or the board of directors requires of them.

#### Committees

17. ~~The Board or membership of the Corporation may form standing committees with terms of reference as deemed necessary to further the mandate of the Corporation. Standing Committees may appoint two members to the Advisory Council.~~

#### Meetings

18. The board of directors shall call an annual meeting of the members of the Corporation and determine the time and place of such a meeting. The board of directors may call additional general meetings of the members of the Corporation if and when they deem such meetings necessary.

19. Twenty-one days prior written notice shall be given to each member of any annual or additional general meeting of the members of the Corporation. The personal presence of twenty members of the Society at a duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum to transact business. Only members of the Corporation shall be eligible to vote at any annual meeting or additional general meeting to the members. A member may appoint as his proxy any other member to vote at any annual or additional general meeting.

20. Meetings of the board of directors shall be called by the President of the Corporation as frequently as deemed necessary by him. The President of the Corporation shall call a minimum of two board meetings per year. The directors shall receive seven days notice of any meeting in writing to each director, or three days notice by telephone, or other form of instant communication. No formal notice shall be necessary if all directors are present at a meeting or if those directors present waive notice thereof in writing. No error or omission in giving notice for a meeting of directors shall invalidate or make void any proceedings taken or had at such meeting. Members of the board of directors may not hold proxy of any other director.

21. The meetings of the executive committee shall be called by the President of the Corporation as frequently as deemed necessary by him. The President shall call a minimum of four executive committee meetings per year. Notice requirements for executive committee meetings shall be identical to those required for the board of director meetings as set out in Paragraph 33 (32.) hereof.

#### Financial Year

22. The financial year of the Corporation shall end the thirty-first day of December of each year.

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25.1 publication and marketing;

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25.3 genealogy and family studies;

25.4 historic sites and monuments;

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27. The members of the standing committees may be reappointed twice for a total term of six years, after which they must be off the committee for at least one year before they may be considered for appointment to the same standing committee.

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28. The executive committee shall appoint a nominating committee at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Such nominating committee shall consist of three persons and shall nominate candidates to be elected to the board of directors at the annual meeting.

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23. By-laws of the Corporation may be enacted, and repealed or amended by majority of the directors and ratified by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for the purpose of considering the said by-law, provided that the enactment, repeal or amendment of such by-law shall not be enforced or acted upon until approval has been obtained from the Minister of Consumer, Corporate and Internal Services.

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Books and Records

24. The directors shall see that all necessary books and records of the Corporation required by the by-laws of the Corporation or by any applicable statute or law are regularly and properly kept.

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25. The members shall at each annual meeting appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the Corporation to hold office until the next annual meeting provided that the directors may fill any casual vacancy in the office of auditor. The remuneration of the auditor shall be fixed by the board of directors.

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Signature and Certification of Documents

26. The directors shall have power to appoint an officer or officers on behalf of the Corporation either to sign contracts, documents and instruments in writing generally or to sign specific contracts, documents and instruments in writing. Such contracts, documents or any instruments in writing requiring the signature of the Corporation, shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other director. The seal of the Corporation when required may be affixed to contracts, documents and instruments in writing signed as aforesaid or by any officer or officers appointed by resolution of the board of directors.

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Rules and Regulations

27. The board of directors may prescribe such rules and regulations as they deem expedient not inconsistent with these by-laws relating to the management and operation of the Corporation, provided that such rules and regulations shall have force and effect only until the next annual meeting of the members of the Corporation when they shall be confirmed and in default of confirmation at such annual meeting of members shall at and from that time cease to have force and effect.

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Cheques, etc.

28. All cheques, bills of exchange or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the board of directors and any one of such officers or agents alone may endorse notes and drafts for collection on account of the Corporation through its bankers and endorse notes and cheques for deposit with the Corporation's bankers for the credit of the Corporation, or the same may be endorsed "for collection" or "for deposit" with the bankers of the Corporation by using the Corporation's rubber stamp for the purpose. Any one of such officers or agents so appointed may arrange, settle, balance and certify all books and accounts and may receive all paid cheques and vouchers and sign all the bank's forms of settlement of balances and release of verification slips.

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Deposit of Securities for Safekeeping

29. The securities of the Corporation shall be deposited for safekeeping with one or more bankers, trust companies or other financial institutions to be selected by the board of directors. Any and all securities so deposited may be withdrawn from time to time, only upon the written order of the Corporation signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation, and in such manner, as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the board of directors and such authority may be general or confined to

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specific instances. The institutions which may be so selected as custodians of the board of directors shall be fully protected in acting in accordance with the directions of the board or directors and shall in no event be liable for the due application of the securities so withdrawn from deposit or the proceeds thereof.

Borrowing

30. The board of directors may from time to time:

- 30.1 borrow money on the credit of the Corporation; or
- 30.2 issue, sell or pledge securities of the Corporation, or
- 30.3 charge, mortgage, hypothecate or pledge all of or any of the real or personal property of the Corporation, including book debts, rights, powers, franchises and undertakings, to secure any securities or any money borrowed, or other debt, or any other obligation or liability of the Corporation.

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From time to time the board of directors may authorize any director, officer or employee of the Corporation or any other person to make arrangements with reference to the moneys borrowed or to be borrowed as aforesaid and as to the terms and conditions of the loan thereof, and as to the securities to be given therefor, with power to vary or modify such arrangements, terms, and conditions and to give such additional securities for any moneys borrowed or remaining due by the Corporation as the board of directors may authorize and generally to manage, transact and settle the borrowing of money by the Corporation.

Financial Status

31. The Corporation shall carry on its operations and business without pecuniary gain to its members and any profits or other accretions to the Corporation are to be used solely in promoting its purposes and objectives as stated herein.

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Dissolution

32. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation and after payment of all debts and liabilities, remaining property of the Corporation shall be distributed or disposed of to charitable organizations in Canada having objectives similar to those of the Corporation, and to the extent that a is feasible and lawful proportionately to similar Societies in other Provinces.

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Interpretation

33. In these By-laws and in all other By-laws of the Corporation hereafter passed unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular number of the masculine gender shall include the plural number or the feminine gender as the case may be and vice versa, and reference to persons shall include firms and corporations.

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PASSED by the Board of Directors and sealed with the Corporate Seal this      day of 2003.

President

Secretary

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29. Special committees may be appointed by the executive committee subject to approval of the board of directors. For a special committee to be appointed the executive committee must first approve a statement of its purpose. Such committees shall be subject to review every three years.

Minutes of the MMHS Annual Meeting  
March 26, 2011, 1:00 PM  
Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship, Winnipeg

Present: 27 members

#### **Minutes.**

**M/S/Carried**, Hans Werner, Bert Friesen that the minutes of the March 20, 2010 Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated.

#### **Agenda**

**M/S/Carried**, Abe Enns Roy Loewen that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

#### **Standing Committee Reports**

Written reports were circulated and briefly highlighted by Committee Chairs

- President's Report, Conrad Stoesz
- Genealogy and Family History-Alf Redekopp
- Historic Sites and Monuments-Abe Ens
- Local History-Adolf Ens, Ernie Braun
- Publication and Marketing-Jake Peters

It was noted that in the Publication and Marketing report the reference to Memo of Understanding regarding copyright holders of the East Reserve should read Jake Rempel, not John Rempel.

**M/S/Carried**, Alf Redekopp, Bert Friesen that the Standing Committee reports be adopted with the noted correction.

#### **Finance Report and Budget**

Bert gave a brief financial report including the report of the auditor.

We ran a deficit of about \$12,000, which does help to show that we are using our resources for their intended purpose.

There was some discussion about the costs of 'dead' storage for books that do not sell anymore.

**M/S/Carried** Bert Friesen, Ed Hoepfner that the financial statements be adopted as circulated.

**M/S/Carried** Bert Friesen, Royden Loewen that Randy Wiebe be appointed as reviewer of the Society's financial report.

**M/S/Carried** Bert Friesen, Adolf Ens that the Budget for 2011 be adopted as presented.

#### **Nominations Committee**

**M/S/Carried** Bert Friesen, that the nominations Committee Report be adopted as circulated and that the nominated members be elected to the terms as indicated.

### **Other Organizations**

Hans Werner, Executive Director of the Delbert F. Plett Foundation on the work of the Foundation and its magazine, *Preservings*.

Waldo Thiessen, Post Road Heritage Group on the restoration of the Dufferin Landing Site.

Barry Dyck, Executive Director of the Mennonite Heritage Village on upcoming events at the Village and a brief report of operations of the last year.

Royden Loewen, Chair in Mennonite Studies reported briefly on the work of the Chair and the *Journal of Mennonite Studies*.

### **Member Concerns**

Jake Peters affirmed the Board's decision to renew the Society's website. Jake expressed dismay at the state of the present website and encouraged the Board to make a new website a top priority.

**M/S/Carried** Alf Redekopp, Mary Neufeld that we adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.