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HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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**Annual Reports**

for

**2012**

Annual General Meeting  
6 April 2013  
R.M. Morris Meeting Room  
Morris, Manitoba

MMHS AGM Agenda

2013 April 6

R. M. Morris Meeting Room  
Morris

1. Welcome
2. Review of previous AGM minutes
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Bylaw change approval of recommendation of the board for approval
5. Fee changes
6. Elections: depending on the bylaw decision, extending everyone's term or new terms
7. Standing committee reports
8. Finance report, budget, and recommendations
9. Other reports from related groups
10. Other business
11. Adjournment

Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
Mennonite Heritage Village, Steinbach  
Saturday, April 14, 2012 3:00 p.m.

Present: 18 people

Bert Friesen called the meeting to order and presented the agenda. Agenda was accepted.

#### Minutes

M/S/Carried (Hans Werner/Alf Redekopp) that the minutes of the 26 March 2011 Annual General Meeting be accepted as printed and circulated.

#### Proposal for By-Law changes

Hans Werner presented the proposal which the executive developed based on the feedback from this past year, by highlighting aspects in the report book document on pages 21-28. The main changes proposed are:

1. a reduced board in size to 5 members
2. the creation of an advisory council that would meet 2 times a year, consisting of representatives from affiliated groups or sub-committees
3. the advisory council would nominate the board members

Questions and discussion followed.

The plan is to call a meeting in late September or early October with the required notice of motion (3 weeks) for a vote on the proposal.

#### Financial Reports & Resolutions

The reports and resolutions were presented by Bert Friesen.

M/S/Carried (Ed Hoepfner/Alf Redekopp) that the financial reports be accepted.

M/S/Carried (Hans Werner/Alf Redekopp) that Randy Wiebe be the reviewer/auditor.

M/S/Carried (Alf Redekopp/John Giesbrecht) that the proposed be accepted.

#### Report from Executive (p.2)

M/S/Carried (Hans Werner/Carl Epp). Be it resolved that the elections and terms of directors and committee members be suspended until such time as the members approve the governance changes.

#### Reports

Opportunity was given for questions or comments on any of the published reports.

Barry Dyck gave an oral report for the Mennonite Heritage Village and made several written items available.

Joe Braun reported on the activities of the Altona History Seekers Club which held 4 successful evening presentations (Feb. 29, Mar, 7, 14 & 21).

Joe Braun and Lawrence Klippenstein both reported on the status of the Altberghal School Project, thanking the society for its support.

Lawrence also reported about the vision for a peace monument in Steinbach mentioned on p. 20 of the report booklet.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Recorded by Alf Redekopp

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 - Peter Brandt and Cole Reimer. The committee participated in the Family and Local History Day on April 14, 2012 at the Mennonite Heritage Village (MHV) featuring displays and opportunities for genealogical consultation in the morning, and presentations in the afternoon. Glen Klassen and Henry Fast had presentation related to local history and Roland Sawatzky did a presentation on "Using artefacts to tell a family story."

In December 2012 at a meeting with the personelle from the MHV and MMHS East Menn Committee chair, to consider a similar event for 2013. It was clear at our meeting that some fatigue had set in, and that a break might give us a time to revision this event in the future. By the end of January 2013, it was decided to drop it for 2013, and see what new energy might emerge if we took a year off.

On a personal note, this will be my last report as chair of the MMHS Genealogy Committee, (for the time being), as I plan to move to Ontario in August of this year. I have enjoyed serving on this committee for many years and thank MMHS for that experience. I plan to continue participating in Mennonite genealogy endeavours in the future in ways that are yet to be defined.

Submitted by Alf Redekopp  
(March 2013)

## Local History Committee Report 2012

Members: Joe Braun, Altona; Eleanor Chornoboy, Winnipeg, vice-chair; Adolf Ens, Winnipeg, chair; Peter Epp, Gretna; Dave Harms, Altona; Jacob E. Peters, Winnipeg; Alan Warkentin, Haskett, secretary.

### Workshops and other Historical Presentations

The Local History Committee revived its “workshop” tradition with a day of historical presentations in the Community Centre at Reinland on October 27. It featured Henry Unger, Morden, with reflections on the village of Neuenburg and the Public School District of Birkenhead. Founded in 1875, Neuenburg was one of the first villages of the former West Reserve. Unger recently published a history of this community. He reflected on the ability of the community to survive the loss of three-fourths of its population in the emigration to Mexico of the early 1920s and the absorption of a large number of new immigrants from Germany in recent years.

Ernest Braun outlined the scope of the research underway in the East Reserve atlas project. This should prove helpful for a similar project under discussion for the former West Reserve. Adolf Ens read excerpts from the Peter Elias memoirs to be published in spring of 2013.

Several members of the committee give leadership to the Altona History Seekers and its annual four nights of historical presentations.

### Publications

Among the papers presented at the History Seekers meetings last March was one by MMHS board member, Mary Neufeld. Her paper was published as *Researching Schoenthal, Manitoba West Reserve* in the 2012 issue of *Preservings*.

The memoirs of Peter A. Elias (translated by Adolf Ens and Henry Unger), reported on last year, are at the printer and should be available shortly as volume 5 of the West Reserve Historical Series.

### Other Projects

For years the former Altbergthal school building has been stored in Altona. During the past year efforts to find a permanent place of this historic building have finally succeeded. Joe Braun, of the Local History Committee, has been the MMHS representative on the ad hoc group negotiating its relocation. The building has now been moved to the national heritage village, Neuberghthal, where further restoration is in process and an exciting program is being planned for its use in the new location.

### EastMenn Historical Committee

Members: Ernest N. Braun, Tourond, secretary; Harold Dyck, Winnipeg; Henry N. Fast, Steinbach; Ben Funk, Steinbach; Glen Klassen, Winnipeg; Orlando Hiebert, Tourond; Jacob L. Peters, Winnipeg, chair.

### Workshops and other Historical Presentations

The EastMenn Historical Committee functions independently but reports to the Board and AGM of MMHS via the Local History Committee. It co-sponsored (with MMHS Genealogy & Family History Committee and Mennonite Heritage Village) the annual Family and Local History Day at MHV on April. 14. The day began with a morning where visitors could chat with genealogists, examine various family history projects, and look at 1946 aerial photos of the RM of Hanover. After a hearty lunch provided by the MHV Auxiliary, the afternoon program featured three presentations on the MHV theme, Children from cradle to slate: Henry Fast, "Growing up in a Kleine Gemeinde Village", Glen Klassen, "The survival of children in the East Reserve before vaccines and antibiotics", and Roland Sawatzky, "Using artifacts to tell the family story".

### Projects

The committee's major work is to produce an historical atlas of the former Mennonite East Reserve. This is to include a complete revision of the *Atlas of original Mennonite Villages on the East Reserve* published by John Rempel and Williams Harms in 1988. New maps, identification of school sites, cemetery information, etc. will make this into a major reference volume.

The signs for the Heritage School Signs project are ready for installation. Each public school site has been located, and given a GPS designation. Work on private school locations is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted by Adolf Ens and Jacob L. Peters

MANITOBA MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Report on Heritage Posting

The purpose of Heritage Posting is to inform members of the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society of its functions and activities, to draw attention to and provide reports of events relevant to Manitoba Mennonite history, and to include articles of a historical nature. With that as a point of reference, we are always receptive to and looking for stimulating material.

With this purpose in mind, we produced three issues of Heritage Posting, which can be best described as a newsletter, in 2012, as follows:

Issue 71 was published in February, 2012

Issue 72 was published in June, 2012

Issue 73 was published in November, 2012

The electronic version of the newsletter appears in colour, and the printed format remains in black print on a manila background.

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 Koehler'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 continued doing the important task of providing the layout for the newsletter. I appreciate his valuable expertise and hard work.

In addition to the individuals having specifically assigned responsibilities, whose willing contributions are much appreciated, various other members have provided valuable insights and articles for Heritage Posting. Adolf Ens has given helpful suggestions in addition to providing written material 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 providing book notes and other written materials. In addition to these helpful activities, Lawrence routinely assists Loren with matters relating to distribution.

Bert Friesen advises that we spent approximately \$1,200.00 in 2012. I propose that the budget for HP for 2013 continue with this figure, thereby providing us with a bit of room for promotional material and expenses.

Respectfully submitted by Maria Falk Lodge  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Treasurer's Report

MMHS

FY2012

1. The revenues were very close to what had been budgeted. The one exception was the amount raised by the Bergthal School project. They raised more than had been budgeted but this is a flow through amount which is raised directly for this project. The big concern is the shortfall in revenue for membership dues. This reflects both fewer members and not having raised the fees in over ten years to reflect our costs.

2. The expenditures nearly matched the budgeted figures. Again the Bergthal School project was above projections but it was a flow through except for the final revenue which did not flow out before the end of the fiscal year. The lower printing and mailing costs for the society newsletter reflect that more of the members prefer to receive the newsletter electronically which saves these expenditures. One attraction for this is that the electronic version comes out in colour.

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 the previous year, we should not consider the work performed as an external audit, but more like an internal review.

4. The proposed budget reflects the planned activities of the various groups for the next fiscal year, 2013.

Recommendations:

1. That the MMHS reviewed financial reports be accepted.
2. That the MMHS reviewer/auditor for the FY2013 be Randy Wiebe.
3. That the MMHS proposed budget be accepted as presented.

Submitted by  
Bert Friesen



**Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of December 31, 2012

Dec 31, 12

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Chequing	1,050.25
Plan 24 Account	1,752.57
Crosstown Share Capital	5.00
Surplus Shares	87.30
Total Chequing/Savings	2,895.12
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	1,185.00
Total Accounts Receivable	1,185.00
Other Current Assets	
Inventory Asset	4,877.70
Undeposited Funds	2,025.00
Total Other Current Assets	6,902.70
Total Current Assets	10,982.82
Other Assets	
General investment	15,365.80
Eastmenn Investment Account	23,170.07
Total Other Assets	38,535.87
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>49,518.69</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unearned Revenue	665.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	665.00
Total Current Liabilities	665.00
Total Liabilities	665.00
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	52,279.02
Retained Earnings	-566.53
Net Income	-2,858.80
Total Equity	48,853.69
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>49,518.69</b>

Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society  
**Financial Statement of Operations**  
 January- December 2012

	Jan - Dec 12
<b>Income</b>	
Administration	
Investment interest	211.29
<b>Total Administration</b>	211.29
Donations	1,555.00
Eastmenn comm.	
Book sales	967.50
Investment interest	979.58
<b>Total Eastmenn comm.</b>	1,947.08
Genealogy Committee	
Genealogy Book Series	157.50
Plett awards	600.00
<b>Total Genealogy Committee</b>	757.50
Historic Sites & Monuments Com.	
Altberghal school project	16,766.72
<b>Total Historic Sites &amp; Monuments Com.</b>	16,766.72
Interest	5.81
Local History Committee	
Book Sales	340.00
Workshop	615.00
<b>Total Local History Committee</b>	955.00
M. & P. Comm.	
US cur	-0.22
<b>Total M. &amp; P. Comm.</b>	-0.22
Membership Dues	
2012 Dues	1,609.77
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	1,609.77
Publication & Marketing Committ	
Book sales	10.00
Royalties	200.00
<b>Total Publication &amp; Marketing Committ</b>	210.00
Special projects	
web redesign genealogy	500.00
<b>Total Special projects</b>	500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	24,517.95
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
Cost of Goods Sold	422.74
<b>Total COGS</b>	422.74
<b>Gross Profit</b>	24,095.21
<b>Expense</b>	
Administration	
Corporation fee	25.00
Office supplies	53.73
Postage & Delivery	18.59
<b>Total Administration</b>	97.32

Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society  
**Financial Statement of Operations**  
 January- December 2012

	Jan - Dec 12
Eastmenn HC	
Book purchases	0.00
School marker project	2,650.23
Workshop	300.00
Atlas project	2,225.68
Aerial photo project	450.28
Comm. mtg.	168.84
Photocopies	201.71
<b>Total Eastmenn HC</b>	<b>5,996.74</b>
Genealogy Comm.	
Plett award	550.00
Web design project	500.00
<b>Total Genealogy Comm.</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>
Historic Sites & Monuments Comm	
Altbergthal school project	14,766.72
<b>Total Historic Sites &amp; Monuments Comm</b>	<b>14,766.72</b>
Insurance	
Liability Insurance	650.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>650.00</b>
Local History Comm.	
Book purchases	0.00
Comm. mtg.	50.00
Workshop	680.00
<b>Total Local History Comm.</b>	<b>730.00</b>
Membership & Publicity Comm.	
HP Postage	128.62
HP Printing	679.01
WWW	83.46
<b>Total Membership &amp; Publicity Comm.</b>	<b>891.09</b>
MHSC	
GAMEO	1,000.00
Membership dues	750.00
Travel	487.14
<b>Total MHSC</b>	<b>2,237.14</b>
Professional Fees	
Accounting	535.00
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>535.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>26,954.01</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-2,858.80</b>

Schedule 1	General	Local history	Genealogy	Pub. & Mark.	M. & P.	H. S. & M.	Eastmenn	Special Pri.	Total	Budget
Opening balance 2012 Jan 1	3,200.67	15,928.07	491.72	216.97	577.63	-842.48	32,104.91	35.00	51,712.49	51,927.49
Income										
Donations	1,555.00								1,555.00	1,500.00
Membership dues (Note 2)	719.08				890.07				1,609.15	3,000.00
Interest	217.10						979.58		1,196.68	1,250.00
Workshops		615.00							615.00	450.00
Book sales		340.00	157.50	10.00			987.50		1,475.00	1,370.00
Other income			1,100.00	200.00	0.40	16,766.72			18,067.12	13,250.00
Total income	2,491.18	955.00	1,257.50	210.00	890.47	16,766.72	1,947.08	0.00	24,517.95	20,820.00
Expenses										
AGM & comm. mtggs.	487.14	50.00					268.84		805.98	250.00
Dues & Subscriptions	1,775.00								1,775.00	1,775.00
Print award			550.00						550.00	600.00
Cost of book sales			106.78				315.96		422.74	401.56
Other printing and shipping					807.63				807.63	1,250.00
Liability insurance	650.00								650.00	650.00
Professional fees	535.00								535.00	550.00
Inventory write off									0.00	0.00
Special projects (Note 1)			500.00			14,766.72	5,226.19		20,492.91	17,500.00
Workshops		680.00					300.00		980.00	650.00
Office and storage (Note 3)	72.32				83.46		201.71		357.49	1,000.00
Total expenses	3,519.46	730.00	1,156.78	0.00	891.09	14,766.72	6,312.70	0.00	27,376.75	24,626.56
Surplus <deficit>	-1,028.28	225.00	100.72	210.00	-0.62	2,000.00	-4,365.62	0.00	-2,859.80	-3,806.56
Unearned Revenue (Note 5)	665.00								665.00	
Ending balance - 2012 December 31	2,172.39	16,153.07	592.44	426.97	577.01	1,157.52	27,739.29	35.00	49,518.69	48,120.93
Schedule 1 (cont'd)										
Balances are comprised of:										
Bank and investments	2,172.39	16,153.07	283.96	426.97	577.01	1,157.52	23,170.07	35.00	43,975.99	
Accounts Receivable									0.00	
Books (see schedule 2)			308.48				4,569.22		4,877.70	Sch 2 & Note 4
Unearned Revenue (Note 5)	665.00								665.00	
Retained Earnings	2,837.39	16,153.07	592.44	426.97	577.01	1,157.52	27,739.29	35.00	49,518.69	

Note 1  
Special Projects expenditures consist of: Human rights project and Berginal School project

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	12:00 AM	unit price	\$30	unit price	\$30	unit price	\$30	unit price	Total	unit price	\$35.00
		Church village	1880 Census	SGB	RGBI	WRVH							
		#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	\$	#	\$
<b>Book Sales</b>													
<b>Sales</b>	4		40.00	9	135.00	0	11	165.00	24	340.00	9	157.50	
<b>Unit Price</b>													
		unit cost	0	unit cost	0	unit cost	229	unit cost	0.00	unit cost	11.86		
<b>Opening inventory</b>	219	0.00	144	0.00	997	0.00	229	0.00	1589	0.00	35	415.26	
<b>Adjustment to inventory</b>	1		-4				-2		-5	0.00		0.00	
<b>Deduct: Adjust. to inventory</b>	218		148				231		1594		35		
<b>Closing inventory</b>	214	0.00	139	0	997	0.00	220	0.00	1570	0.00	26	308.48	
<b>Cost of Books sold</b>			0.00		0.00			0.00	0	0.00		106.78	
<b>Net Profit</b>			40.00		135.00		0.00	165.00		340.00		50.72	

unit price	unit price		unit price		unit price		unit price		unit price		unit price		unit price		Aerial photos CD	ADIII&L	Other
	\$10	#	\$30	#	\$15	#	\$10	#	\$15	#	\$15	#	\$	#			
Vol.4-CD	Settlers	Sketches	Vill-hist	Warkentin	Oberschulz	Chortitzer											
#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	#
5	25.00	10	150.00	0	0.00	0	0	5	37.50	0	20	150.00	21	315.00	2		
2	1.12	253	4,352.62	319	0.00	19	0.00	164	0.00	18	70	7.06	50	0.00	340		
67	37.52												19				
69		253		319		19		164		18	70		31		340		
64	35.84	243	4,180.58	319	0.00	19	0.00	159	0.00	18	50	352.80	10	0.00	338		
5	2.80	10	172.04	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.00	0	20	141.12		0.00	2		
	42.56																
	64.76		-22.04		0.00		0.00		37.50		0.00	8.88		315.00			

	\$10 ERWH	Total	Total	
IV				
	\$	#	\$	\$
	10.00	181	677.50	216
				1,185.00
	0			
	0	895	4,363.74	
	0.00	882	4,569.22	4,877.70
	0		315.96	422.74
	10.00		404.10	762.26

**Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society**  
**Proposed budget**  
 January - December 2013

	Jan - Dec 13
<b>Income</b>	
Donations	1,500.00
Eastmenn comm.	
Book sales	150.00
Investment interest	500.00
Total Eastmenn comm.	650.00
Genealogy Committee	
Genealogy Book Series	150.00
Plett awards	550.00
Total Genealogy Committee	700.00
Historic Sites & Monuments Com.	
Altbergthal school project	10,000.00
Total Historic Sites & Monuments Com.	10,000.00
Interest	1,000.00
Local History Committee	
Book Sales	500.00
Other income	1,500.00
Workshop	250.00
Total Local History Committee	2,250.00
Membership Dues	
2013 Dues	5,000.00
Total Membership Dues	5,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>21,100.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>21,100.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Administration	
AGM	200.00
Corporation fee	25.00
Office supplies	300.00
Storage space	200.00
Total Administration	725.00
Eastmenn HC	
School marker project	1,000.00
Workshop	500.00
Atlas project	22,000.00
Comm. mtg.	200.00
Total Eastmenn HC	23,700.00
Historic Sites & Monuments Comm	
Altbergthal school project	10,000.00
Total Historic Sites & Monuments Comm	10,000.00
Insurance	
Liability Insurance	650.00
Total Insurance	650.00
Local History Comm.	
Elias project	4,680.00
Storage	100.00
Workshop	250.00
Total Local History Comm.	5,030.00
Membership & Publicity Comm.	
HP Postage	300.00
HP Printing	600.00
Total Membership & Publicity Comm.	900.00



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Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society  
Proposed budget  
January - December 2013

	<u>Jan - Dec 13</u>
MHSC	
GAMEO	1,000.00
Membership dues	750.00
	<u>1,750.00</u>
Total MHSC	1,750.00
Professional Fees	
Accounting	600.00
	<u>600.00</u>
Total Professional Fees	600.00
Special project	
MHSC Photo database	1,000.00
Other projects	500.00
	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Special project	1,500.00
Total Expense	<u>44,855.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-23,755.00</u></u>

