

# MANITOBA MENNONITE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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## Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting

Saturday, March 14, 2020

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Altona Senior Centre

Altona, Manitoba

### **Agenda**

#### **Advisory Council Meeting**

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of March 16, 2019 Council Meeting held at the Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach, Manitoba
3. Reports of affiliated organizations:
  - 3.1. Mennonite Heritage Village
  - 3.2. Plett Foundation
  - 3.3 Mennonite Heritage Archives
  - 3.4 The Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren (Centre for MB Studies)
  - 3.5 Heritage Posting
  - 3.6 NeuBergthal Heritage Foundation
  - 3.7 Bergthal School
  - 3.8 Mennonite Heritage Archives
  - 3.9 Peace Exhibit Committee
  - 3.10 History Seekers
  - 3.11 Altona Archives
  - 3.12 Ad-hoc Media Committee
  - 3.13 Genealogy Committee
  - 3.14 Winkler Museum
  - 3.15 History Seekers
  - other
4. Nominations to the MMHS board
5. Adjournment

**Coffee and dainties will be available**

**AGENDA  
MMHS AGM**

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of the March 16, 2019 annual general meeting held at the Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach, Manitoba
3. Reports from membership committees
  - 3.1. EastMenn  
WestMenn  
MMHS Board  
Finance  
Other
  - 3.2. Acceptance of reports
4. Resolutions from Treasurer's report - Bert Friesen
5. Nominations and elections to the MMHS board.
6. Discussion of issues raised by the advisory council  
upcoming celebrations, commemorations
  - a) Jeremy Wiebe
  - b) Royden Loewen
  - c) Other?
7. Future and direction of MMHS
  - MMHS website update
    - What do we expect from this site?
    - What could it do for the members and others
8. Other business
9. Adjournment

Note: All reports that have been submitted can will be posted after the meeting at:

**[mmhs.org/heritage—posting-and-reports](http://mmhs.org/heritage—posting-and-reports)**

Minutes of the MMHS Council Meeting  
March 16, 2019

1. Opening

Eleanor Chornoboy welcomed everyone to the council meeting. People introduced themselves. Present were: Bert Friesen, Treasurer; L. Klippenstein, WestMenn; Al Hamm, Ted Barg, HP, Barry Dyck, MHV; Andrea Dyck, MHV&Plett; Erin Unger, Andrew Unger, Glenn Klassen, HP editor; Gary Dyck, Jake Derksen, Ernie Braun, Jake Peters, George Peters, Larry Giesbrecht, Andrew Brown, Conrad Stoesz, Hans Werner, Secretary

2. Minutes of previous meeting

M/S/C: Hans Werner, Bert Friesen that the minutes be adopted.

3. Reports of affiliated organizations:

3.1 CMBS—no one attended, report was circulated

3.2 Mennonite Heritage Village

Gary Dyck, the new Exec Director introduced himself and reported on the last year's activities

3.3 Chair in Mennonite Studies

Andrea Dyck reported on the fall conference on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MHSC. JMS in production, next conference is Mennonites and Anthropology. She reported on Rebecca Janzen's CTMS lecture. Colin Neufeldt tentative selection for this year's CTMS lecture

3.4 Plett Foundation

Andrea Dyck also reported on the Plett Foundation. Reported on the new Executive Director appointment. She also passed around copies of Preservings. She also reported on the latest volume of MHFYP. There was also a discussion of the Plett Essay Contest. Andrea, Eleanor, Conrad working on reimagining the Contest

3.5 Mennonite Heritage Archives –Conrad reported.

MHS has its own brand, Selena Wolfe has been filling in for Connie who is on sick leave. Volunteers scan, organize, and process records. Conrad also circulated the latest issue of the Mennonite Historian. 140 questions per month.

3.6 Peace Committee

Project started about 5 years ago. Al Hamm is the treasurer. The idea was to create a C.O. monument but grew into a broader Peace committee. Have created a sculpture of Dirk Willems. Further ideas are to create an interpretive center. Sculpture is there, fund raising is under discussion for the next phase. The C.O. monument will eventually be moved to the same area.

3.7 MMHS Board. Eleanor reported on the activities of the Board.

3.8 Heritage Postings. Glenn Klassen reported and highlighted the latest issue. Glenn raised the prospect of printing HP in colour.

3.9 EastMenn. Jake Peters highlighted some of last year. Third annual Local History lecture was on Steinbach Then and Now. Ralph Friesen and Glenn Klassen presented. Cairn project at the area of the Schantz Immigration sheds. Stone is in place, more work to be done in spring. Work with the Chortitzer Church committee. Another printing (the 4<sup>th</sup>) of the East Reserve atlas coming later in March.

3.10 WestMenn. Lawrence Klippenstein. Have new members on the committee. Working on a West Reserve Atlas. Working on the curatorial aspect of the Alt Bergthal school district. Committee is taking ownership of the Post Road Trail. Strengthening the relationship with other groups such as the Winkler Heritage Society, Sheila Thiessen, a private museum collection, Dr. Susie Fisher, curator of the Artist Gallery in Altona and working on a photo collection. Passed around the latest issue of the Neuberghthal Notes and the original Post Road Memorial Trail map.

3.11 Geneaology Committee- Bert Friesen. Reported on the printing of the English translation of Part II of the Benjamin Unruh.

3.12 Media Committee -Conrad reported on this new adhoc committee of MMHS. One project is underway to produce a documentary on the role of the Vollandam.

4. Adjournment

## Minutes of the MMHS Annual General Meeting

1. Opening -

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

M/S/C Hans Werner moved, Lawrence Klippenstein that the minutes of the April 2017 AGM be adopted.

3. Financial Report

-deficit of some \$6000 with a corresponding reduction in reserves to \$37,000

4. Resolutions from Treasurer's report

4.1 M/S/C Bert Friesen, Conrad Stoesze, that the Financial Report be accepted as circulated and reported.

4.2 M/S/C Bert Friesen, Ernie Braun that Randy Friesen be appointed to review the Financial Statements.

4.3 Budget. Deficit of \$4,500 in the budget. Request to have the budget presentation be comparable to actual from previous years. There was a discussion of the membership fee structure and it was suggested that Board revisit the question

M/S/C Hans Werner, Ernie Braun. That the Board examine the question of membership fees and donation revenues and bring a recommendation to the membership.

5. Nominations and elections of the MMHS board

Current Board:

Bert Friesen -Term Expired-

Peter Priess

Andrea Dyck -Term Expired

Jake Peters

Conrad Stoesz

Eleanor Chornoboy -Term Expired

Hans Werner

Nominations: Bert Friesen, Andrea Dyck, Bert Friesen

M/S/C Jake Peters, Ernie Braun that nominations cease

Bert Friesen, Andrea Dyck, Bert Friesen acclaimed.

6. Future and direction of MMHS

Conrad reported on two committees struck by MHSC, focus is on the migration of the 1920s.

MHV will be creating an exhibit on the Russlaender, also partnering with EastMan immigration to connect the story with current refugees, and the SRSS High School. Russlaender projects will be combined with a fundraising effort. MHV is also encouraging the revival of bus tours and is open to ideas to develop these kinds of efforts.

9. Adjournment

## Chair Report MMHS Board 2019

EastMenn and WestMenn have both been active with numerous projects. They support local projects and endeavours such as local history events. MMHS and both subcommittees have been actively promoting younger membership.

Preliminary discussion has begun on several significant anniversary dates including, but not limited to the 100th anniversary of the Russländer migration and the migration of Manitoba Mennonites to Mexico. In some cases there could be collaboration with other provinces.

The Board has approached the Plett Foundation, requesting that the Plett Family History Essay Contest alter the focus from family history to include local history so that students who do not have a Mennonite background could still participate with a local history project that has a Mennonite focus. It was suggested that the focus expand from an essay project to include projects that remain research focused but include visually based projects such as film making, art work, web sites, videos, photo essays, graphic novels, walking tours, and geocaching. It was also suggested that primary sources be encouraged and projects must be based on historical research on a Mennonite topic. Strictly visual entries should be accompanied with detailed written statements demonstrating how the project meets the criteria. MMHS is anticipating a response from the Plett Foundation.

MMHS has been successful in recruiting membership of new members and will continue to promote the participation of new members.

Eleanor Chornoboy, Chair

## EastMenn Historical Committee - Annual Review 2019

**Members:** Jacob L Peters (chair), Ernest N. Braun (secretary), Glen R. Klassen, Henry N. Fast, Orlando Hiebert, Harold J. Dyck, Ben D. Funk, Edward G. Krahn.

EastMenn Historical Committee is a Standing Committee with two representatives on the MMHS Advisory Council, and one representative (Jacob Peters) on the MMHS Board. In January the committee welcomed a new member, Edward G. Krahn of Lorette, to the committee. Ed was the first ever salaried head of the Mennonite Heritage Village Museum and has retired from a long career in parks and recreation.

The EastMenn Historical Committee hosted its fourth annual Local History Lecture at the Mennonite Heritage Village auditorium at 7:00 PM on October 19, 2019. The theme of the event was “Abandoned Manitoba”. Main speaker was Dr. Gordon Goldsborough, Professor at the University of Manitoba and President of Manitoba Historical Society. He presented a power-point entitled, “More Abandoned Manitoba”, exploring the various sites of abandoned buildings, enterprises, and government initiatives, all now in ruins or obliterated except for the stories that can be told. Gordon is the author four books, two of which *Abandoned Manitoba* and *More Abandoned Manitoba* deal with the same topic. The event also featured the bestowal of an Honorary Life Membership to charter committee member and historian Henry N. Fast for his service to the history of this area, and for his work on the committee. Gary Dyck of MHV welcomed the audience to the venue, and Jake Peters served as emcee. The session was well attended.

In the fall of 2018, the committee with the help of Diamond Construction, placed the large granite rock at the site of the Shantz Reception sheds, and in 2019 Glen Klassen and Ernie Braun created an information board which will be printed on Dibond, and fastened to the rock at an unveiling to be held in spring of 2020.

EastMenn Historical Committee continues to have representation on the Chortitz Church Heritage Committee which over-sees the restoration of the old Chortitz Church near Randolph. The committee held its first official AGM on March 5 at the Mennonite Heritage Village. This year two public events were held: a program at Chortitz on May 26, featuring Ernest N. Braun who spoke on the significance of 2019 as the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 1919 when the great Manitoba School question was resolved by the unilateral establishment of English only schools, a move that led to mass emigration of Mennonites from Manitoba. The second event was the sixth annual German Christmas at Chortitz was held on December 9 with one service only due to a freezing rain which forced cancellation of the evening service. The new interpretative shelter has been moved to the east side of the church and an information board placed on the wall. A guest book installed.

Under the leading of Ed Krahn, EastMenn Historical Committee has nominated Steinbach native Maria Vogt (1881-1961) for **The 150 Women Trailblazer Award**.

EastMenn is also working on a Heritage Tour, both a geographical tour and eventually a virtual tour of the East Reserve, incorporating the various sites. The RM of Hanover has a page dedicated to heritage, and material is being uploaded to the site. At this point the site hosts material on the old Chortitz church, and a little on the Mennonite Memorial Landing Site.

The *Historical Atlas of the East Reserve* was sold out and a fourth reprint was ordered in early 2019, printing another 169 copies. The committee as a whole met three times this year. Glen Klassen fashioned a new logo for the committee: see letterhead.

Submitted by Ernest N. Braun, EHC secretary.

## MMHS AGM

### Report from WestMenn Historical Committee

The Bergthal School Committee as originally conceived and put to action is now something else. We think we might rename it the Altbergthal History Group now. This is to suggest that we have reduced our agenda to a prime function, namely that of standing by the writing of a history of Altbergthal, to liaise more particularly with the Altbergthal Cemetery Committee and to continue to relate to NHF insofar as special items dealing with the old Altbergthal School come up. We are glad to see Google featuring four different versions of the Altb.school building, courtesy of Albert Schmidt, it is reported there. A large collection of records material for Altbergthal has recently surfaced. It will contribute a lot to a published history if and when it shows up. This includes a big file of photos which is partially newly discovered, and partly comprised of old existing collections.

To begin with we mention that we have kept in the mind the plaquing the old school to provide a mini history of its life and work. So far the project remains an idea with little action ( but a written biography is on hand). the matter is not forgotten. We are keeping in mind the central historical fact of Aeltester Johann Funk's life and work( lived in Altbergthal from 1880 on and died in 1917) in the village and surrounding areas. We had hoped to do a centennial celebration in 2017 but it did not happen in a public venue.

The history writing is in full swing under the direction of Graham Schellenberg who is well past the first half of preliminary manuscript, and more info will be coming shortly. Notes appear in Heritage Posting from time to time. We hope you all got your copy of No.95. If not, let me know.

We have been delighted to observe the frequent use of the the school building in various programs offered by NHF and glad to see how well it seems to fit in accomodating these events. We are looking forward to this continuing through the year now begun - 2020. Perhaps something special re the 150th is also on the way. Heritage Posting has tried to give some attention to the date in its latest issue.

At least one family gathering is in the planning stages of doing an event there this spring, and there is some talk of a workshop for the Neubergthal-Altona area which might use the school venue also. We are also grateful to see a part of a photographers' celebration (which includes an Albergthal person) in the form of a coffee table book which could reach the public later this spring. Dr. Susie Fisher is leading the project. Contact her for details.

Lawrence Klippenstein and Graham Schellenberg

Heritage Posting 2019  
Report for MMHS AGM  
March 14, 2020

Heritage Posting was issued in March (#92, incorrectly labelled November in print issue), June (#93) and November (#94) with a total of 44 pages. It included news, stories, and book reviews and was profusely illustrated. A new feature was an "Opinions" column. Most members received only the electronic colour version, but many also got the print (B/W) version by mail. Membership increased significantly in 2019.

Volunteers continued to make the newsletter possible: Lawrence Klippenstein was a contributing editor, writing West Reserve news items, stories and Book Notes as well as book reviews. Ted Barg did the layout and design and Andrew Klassen Brown maintained the mailing list and sent out the email issues. Jake E. Klassen and Lawrence Klippenstein took care of distributing the print copies. I completed my third year as editor. The first issue of 2020 was a Manitoba 150 Special Issue.

Writers included Ted Falk, Conrad Stoesz, Ernie Braun, Erin Unger, Doris Penner, Lois Braun, Ralph Groening, David Rempel Smucker, Eleanor Chornoboy, Royden Loewen, Jack Klassen, Arden Thiessen, Glenn H. Penner, Harold Jantz, Leroy Penner, Harold J. Dyck, Aileen Friesen, Ernie G. Dyck, Maria Lodge, Katie Lynch, Albert Falk, Lawrence Klippenstein, and Glen Klassen. Many thanks to this fine line-up!

It would be nice to get more feedback from the membership. Letters to the editor have been invited but none have been received. Getting renewals and new members continues to be a challenge. We are making an effort to include more of the Mennonite diaspora in our coverage as well as maintaining a balance between West Reserve, East Reserve and Winnipeg. We hope you enjoy reading Heritage Posting and passing it on to family and friends.

Glen Klassen, Editor  
Lawrence Klippenstein, Contributing Editor



## Genealogy Committee Report

MMHS

March 2020

Genealogy committee: Bert Friesen, Alf Redekopp

In 2019 the second printing of the English translation of Part 2 of B. H. Unruh's *Die niederländisch-niederdeutschen Hintergründe der mennonitischen Ostwanderungen im 16., 18. und 19. Jahrhundert* was sold out. Another print run is planned for 2020 and will be available now. This was a project begun a few years back. We are pleased it has now been completed.

The *Mennonite migration to Russia, 1788-1828* is still available.

We continue to support the national society project of having a web based access to original source genealogical material.

Submitted by  
Bert Friesen

## CMBS Report 2019

by Jon Isaak

CMBS offers Mennonite research and archival services in two areas: archival resourcing and interpretive resourcing.

Archival resourcing includes preserving, describing, and making accessible church records and resources (photos, meeting minutes, periodicals, congregational records, reports, statistics, study papers, etc.).

Interpretative resourcing includes offering analysis on questions of Mennonite theology and history, as requested by individuals, congregations, and conference ministers.

I've kept busy this year cataloguing new acquisitions, writing file descriptions, presenting lectures, editing manuscripts, publishing, and responding to genealogical and historical queries from patrons.

The following seven items are especially noteworthy and capture well the current profile of CMBS.

1. **Accessions.** The Anna Janzen Neufeld (1868–1945) diary/journal books were donated to CMBS in August 2018. The accompanying 744 pages of transcriptions and English translations done by Peter Neudorf of Vancouver increase the value of the collection. See <http://cmbs.mennonitebrethren.ca/anna-janzen-neufeld-diaries-donated/>

2. **Volunteers.** Retired elementary teachers Kathie Ewert and Clara Toews, pictured below, have been volunteering at CMBS twice a month for 13 years. Much of their time is spent scanning and identifying photos for the Mennonite Archival Image Database (MAID). See <https://mbherald.com/volunteers-a-world-of-good/> for their story. Six others round out the CMBS

volunteer corp. In November, my practice is to treat them to a recognition dinner. It is a small way of saying a big thank you to them.

3. **Image uploads.** Since 2015, CMBS has contributed to the Mennonite Archival Image Database (MAID <http://archives.mhsc.ca>). CMBS has 32,450 image descriptions (metadata) uploaded to the site. Volunteers spent about 30 hours a month scanning and linking the images to the preloaded metadata. On April 26, 2019, there were 8,649 images linked to those 32,450 records; that's more than 1,000 digital links made since last summer.



### 4. Publications.

Together with the Mennonite Heritage Archives at CMU, we continue printing/distributing the quarterly publication, *Mennonite Historian*. The collaborative project I share with Conrad Stoesz (MHA) remains a great source of satisfaction for me. See <http://www.mennonitehistorian.ca/>

### 5. Church Statistics.

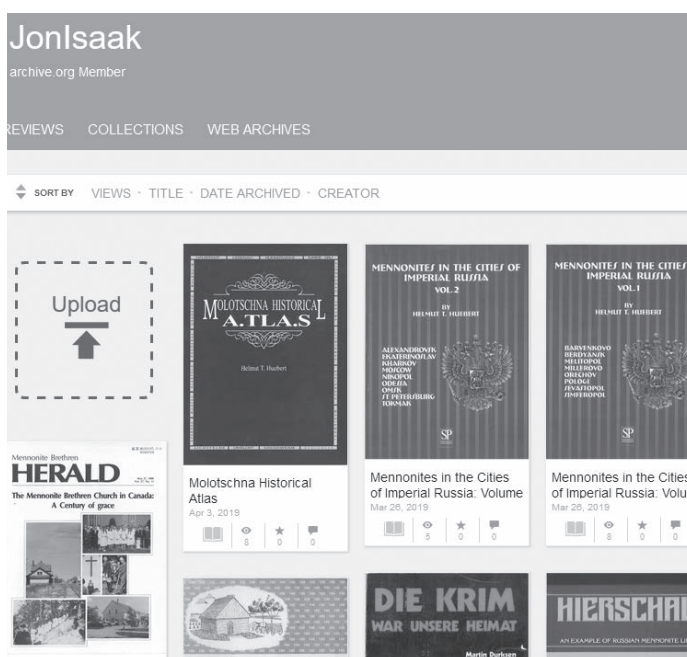
In addition to providing consulting services to the National Faith and Life Team (formerly known as the Board of Faith

and Life), I manage the annual church statistical survey of Canadian MB Churches. For seven years, I've produced the annual survey in conjunction with each provincial conference. The survey summary is published in the biennial Gathering Yearbook.

6. **Book uploads.** Since 2014, I've been scanning, describing, and uploading Mennonite Brethren history books.



The collection now totals 80 volumes (see <https://archive.org/details/@jonisaak>). These are books that I've been authorized to move to a Creative Commons open source license, some by permission and others following our "ten-ten" rule: more than ten years old and selling less than ten



Volunteers (l-r) Kathie Ewert and Clara Toews help digitize and upload photos to MAID. Photo credit: Tony Schellenberg.

copies a year. In return, Internet Archive has made e-books of them. The digital files reside on the servers of the Internet Archive, but links to these pages are on the Historical Commission's website (see <https://mbhistory.org/books/>).

7. **Fundraising.** Twice a year I send an update-and-appeal Mail Chimp email to those whom I have helped by tracking down an article, a reference, a name, etc. Currently there are 400+ individuals on my mailing list. These donations help with the ongoing task of preserving, describing, and making accessible documents of historical/theological interest.

If you have a feedback for me, I can be reached at <[jon.isaak@mbchurches.ca](mailto:jon.isaak@mbchurches.ca)>.

## **Report**

### **Peace Exhibit Committee (MHV)**

The vision for a peace exhibit at Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach began a decade ago when individuals in southeastern Manitoba gave voice to a concern that the peace position was not receiving adequate emphasis in Mennonite churches. The way of peace based on Jesus Christ's teachings is a central tenet of Anabaptism, but are youth and others who enter the church being taught what this means and why it is practised?

It seemed that an exhibit on peace would fit in with the mission of MHV which tells the Mennonite story, and would point visitors from around the world to the way of peace in an increasingly violent world.

The project needed something tangible as a springboard for telling the story. In the fall of 2018, a stunning sculpture of Dirk Willems—a 16<sup>th</sup> century Anabaptist martyr who rescued the jailer who was pursuing him—was unveiled on the museum grounds. Crafted by world-famous sculptor Peter Sawatzky, the bronze monument is central to what will be a larger peace exhibit.

The sculpture is located behind a grove of trees near a pond—a quiet place away from the bustle of the museum's main street. The plan is to lay out a garden with flowers, green spaces and benches to encourage visitors to stay awhile and reflect. Panels under a timber frame shelter will lay out the peace position, the way it has been practised over 500 years of Anabaptist history (including the story of Dirk Willems) and why it is needed in the world today.

Before the concept of the exhibit was fully conceived, the Peace Exhibit Committee erected a large stone with a plaque that lists the names of COs (conscientious objectors) in the Southeast. This stone will also become part of the garden.

In order to complete the peace exhibit project, funds are needed. A year ago, the committee held a dinner and program featuring the story of Hutterite martyrs of Alcatraz and in fall of 2019, they hosted the exhibit *Voices of Conscience* from the Kauffman Museum (Kansas) which put into perspective the peace witness in the U.S. Both events were well received. More fundraising events will take place this year.

— Doris Penner  
— Chair of Peace Exhibit Committee

# Executive Director's Report

The following quotation from a 2019 book titled *Confronting the State of Museum Salaries* encapsulates almost perfectly the good tensions that Mennonite Heritage Village needs to deal with on a daily basis:

*The roles of professional staff in the 21<sup>st</sup>-century museum are increasingly expanding to reach more, and different audiences, and to negotiate the not completely congruent goals of increasing attendance and enriching engagement. Marketing staff are tasked with bolstering and sustaining attendance among a broader range of communities, attracting these audiences through celebratory openings, family festivals, late-night events and programs whose success require skills far outside traditional curatorial training or experience and which must be obtained in competition with commercial enterprises prepared to pay MBA salaries for them. Yet, while marketers want to use the collection and the exhibitions to make the art museum a centerpiece of contemporary event culture, the responsibility of curators is to focus on presenting and preserving the artwork to uphold culture heritage and its integrity. Curators at large public museums have to create exhibitions that are accessible to as many audiences as possible, but that also distinguish the institution for producing new knowledge and making intellectual contributions to art historical fields, while keeping in mind the collecting interests of, and relationships with, existing and future donors to attract and promote buy-in. Meanwhile, the education department must navigate these competing priorities to focus on better engagement with the art, making collections in storage accessible to teachers, for example, and developing programming and materials targeting the interests, learning levels, languages, and physical limitations of different audiences.*

For MHV there is also the office manager that needs to make sure we have the supplies, resources and support that we need to hum along. Jo-Ann Friesen also needs to make sure the gift shop has the right products that also promote our current exhibit theme. This year's exhibit was award-winning *The Russländer*, the 1920's Mennonites who fled Russia for Canada. Jo-Ann made sure we always had our best-selling book *The Russian Story* in stock and our front-desk staff did a terrific job of welcoming all the visitors that came in and prepared them for what they were about to see.

To this professional staff mix we added a new Development Coordinator who is gifted at social media and reaching out to a wider community. Marilee Arthur is originally from Ontario and has already furthered our collaboration with local businesses, Steinbach Arts Council and others.

The Program Department continues to work with Hanover School Division and other schools from Winkler to Winnipeg. Students that come more than once can go much deeper and learn much more on their second or third visit. Financial limitations, however, continues to be a constant tension.

The Livery Barn Restaurant staff did a wonderful job serving up traditional Mennonite fare, or as the Winnipeg Free Press said in the rave review - "prairie soul food". Rentals is another solid revenue stream for us and a way to serve our

constituency. We increased the staffing in this area to make sure our customers were being well served. Finally we have the grounds crew that are busy all season opening and closing the buildings each day, feeding the animals and trimming everything that grows.

Well done MHV staff!

Submitted by Gary Dyck (Executive Director)

## Treasurer's Report

MMHS

FY2019

1. The revenue came in at about the budgetary expectations. However, the combination of donations and membership dues, did not meet expectations. There is the continuing hope that the activities of the society are worthy of support which would have to come in mainly as donations. The plan to keep the membership dues low and therefore hope for more donations still remains the hope. The shortfall in revenue expectations on the whole were made up by the service fees charged, the substantial one being the Volendam project.
2. The expenditures were expected to come in excess of revenue. Some projects were begun which were not expected, but on the whole these were under expectations. The cost of the printing and distribution of the society newsletter was slightly higher than expected because the number of hard copies required has not decreased as much as was expected.
3. Our external consultant has reviewed the financial activity of the society. The consultant found the records to be in order and represent fairly the financial activities of the society.
4. The proposed budget for the FY2020 is a compilation of submissions of those activities which are directly under the responsibility of the society.

## Recommendations

1. That the MMHS reviewed financial reports be accepted.
2. The the MMHS reviewer/auditor for the FY2020 be Randy Friesen, subject to review by the treasurer.
3. That the MMHS proposed budget be accepted as presented.

Submitted by  
Bert Friesen

February 20, 2020

To the Members of the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society

I have examined the records of the transactions of the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society for the year ending December 31, 2019

This examination consisted of:

A review of the preliminary copies of the financial statements

A review of bank statements and reconciliations

A review of donations

A review of payments made to qualified Donees

A review of vendor payments made

A verification that a paid up insurance policy is in place

Discussions as appropriate with the Treasurer

The financial records were found to be ordered and clearly maintained. Based on all financial work performed these records were found to be materially accurate. It is my opinion that the financial reports provided to me for review fairly represent the activities of the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society.

I do not perform the procedures required to execute a review or audit engagement. My involvement should not be viewed as an independent auditor providing assurance of the validity of the Financial Statements in accordance to Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Friesen', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Randy Friesen

# Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society

## Statement of Operations

January - December 2019

	Jan - Dec 19
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Adminstration</b>	
Investment interest	250.43
Services	500.00
<b>Total Adminstration</b>	750.43
<b>Donations</b>	1,815.98
<b>Eastmenn comm.</b>	
Book sales	2,830.00
Investment interest	432.81
Lecture series	300.00
<b>Total Eastmenn comm.</b>	3,562.81
<b>Genealogy Committee</b>	
Genealogy Book Series	988.65
<b>Total Genealogy Committee</b>	988.65
<b>Interest</b>	133.67
<b>M. &amp; P. Comm.</b>	
US cur	20.82
<b>Total M. &amp; P. Comm.</b>	20.82
<b>Membership Dues</b>	
2018 Dues	5.00
2019 dues	230.00
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	235.00
<b>Publication &amp; Marketing Committ</b>	
Book sales	50.00
<b>Total Publication &amp; Marketing Committ</b>	50.00
<b>Special projects</b>	
Volendam project	30,475.00
web redesign genealogy	500.00
<b>Total Special projects</b>	30,975.00
<b>Westmenn Historical Committee</b>	
Altbergthal project	500.00
Book sales	314.00
<b>Total Westmenn Historical Committee</b>	814.00
<b>Total Income</b>	39,346.36
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
Cost of Goods Sold	4,278.05
<b>Total COGS</b>	4,278.05
<b>Gross Profit</b>	35,068.31
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Administration</b>	
AGM	94.50
Banking charges	99.45
Cash rebate	6.00
Corporation fee	40.00
Office supplies	56.70
<b>Total Administration</b>	296.65



	Jan - Dec 19
<b>Eastmenn HC</b>	
Admin. fee	500.00
Atlas project	86.10
Chortitza Church signage projec	500.00
Comm. mtg.	243.72
Lecture Series	672.65
Shantz Sheds Marker (design)	73.90
Shantz Sheds Marker project	806.81
Storage	100.00
<b>Total Eastmenn HC</b>	<b>2,983.18</b>
<b>Genealogy Comm.</b>	
Storage	100.00
Web design project	500.00
<b>Total Genealogy Comm.</b>	<b>600.00</b>
<b>Membership &amp; Publicity Comm.</b>	
HP Postage	634.37
HP Printing	521.58
WWW	113.70
<b>Total Membership &amp; Publicity Comm.</b>	<b>1,269.65</b>
<b>MHSC</b>	
GAMEO	1,500.00
Membership dues	1,000.00
<b>Total MHSC</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>
<b>Professional Fees</b>	
Accounting	225.00
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>225.00</b>
<b>Special project</b>	
Volendam project	28,511.00
<b>Total Special project</b>	<b>28,511.00</b>
<b>Westmenn Historical Comm.</b>	
Altbergthal project	1,000.00
Comm. mtg.	392.63
Storage	55.00
<b>Total Westmenn Historical Comm.</b>	<b>1,447.63</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>37,833.11</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-2,764.80</b>

# Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society

## Revenue and Expenditures Prev Year Comparison

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	Jan - Dec 19	Jan - Dec 18
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Adminstration</b>		
Investment interest	250.43	192.68
Services	500.00	600.00
<b>Total Adminstration</b>	750.43	792.68
<b>Donations</b>	1,815.98	790.00
<b>Eastmenn comm.</b>		
Book sales	2,930.00	225.00
Investment interest	432.81	332.98
Lecture series	300.00	0.00
<b>Total Eastmenn comm.</b>	3,662.81	557.98
<b>Genealogy Committee</b>		
Genealogy Book Series	1,150.50	231.50
<b>Total Genealogy Committee</b>	1,150.50	231.50
<b>Interest</b>	133.67	33.12
<b>M. &amp; P. Comm.</b>		
US cur	20.82	7.12
<b>Total M. &amp; P. Comm.</b>	20.82	7.12
<b>Membership Dues</b>		
2018 Dues	5.00	445.00
2019 dues	230.00	0.00
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	235.00	445.00
<b>MHS Canada</b>	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Publication &amp; Marketing Committ</b>		
Book sales	50.00	0.00
<b>Total Publication &amp; Marketing Committ</b>	50.00	0.00
<b>Special projects</b>		
Landing site project	0.00	1,200.00
Volendam project	30,475.00	0.00
web redesign genealogy	500.00	500.00
<b>Total Special projects</b>	30,975.00	1,700.00
<b>Westmenn Historical Committee</b>		
Altbergthal project	500.00	0.00
Book sales	464.00	279.00
<b>Total Westmenn Historical Committee</b>	964.00	279.00
<b>Total Income</b>	39,758.21	5,836.40
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
Cost of Goods Sold	4,278.05	630.03
<b>Total COGS</b>	4,278.05	630.03
<b>Gross Profit</b>	35,480.16	5,206.37
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Administration</b>		
AGM	94.50	0.00
Banking charges	99.45	0.00
Cash rebate	6.00	8.00
Corporation fee	40.00	25.00
Office supplies	56.70	5.00
Storage space	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	296.65	138.00

# Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society

## Revenue and Expenditures Prev Year Comparison

	Jan - Dec 19	Jan - Dec 18
<b>Eastmenn HC</b>		
Admin. fee	500.00	500.00
Atlas project	86.10	750.00
Book purchases	0.00	117.34
Chortitza Church signage projec	500.00	500.00
Comm. mtg.	243.72	141.65
Lecture Series	672.65	1,971.19
School marker project	0.00	260.00
Shantz Sheds Marker (design)	73.90	0.00
Shantz Sheds Marker project	806.81	1,248.17
Storage	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Eastmenn HC</b>	2,983.18	5,588.35
<b>Genealogy Comm.</b>		
Storage	100.00	0.00
Web design project	500.00	0.00
<b>Total Genealogy Comm.</b>	600.00	0.00
<b>Insurance</b>		
Liability Insurance	0.00	756.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	0.00	756.00
<b>Membership &amp; Publicity Comm.</b>		
HP Postage	634.37	176.90
HP Printing	521.58	669.47
WWW	113.70	109.79
<b>Total Membership &amp; Publicity Comm.</b>	1,269.65	956.16
<b>MHSC</b>		
GAMEO	1,500.00	0.00
Membership dues	1,000.00	1,750.00
Travel	0.00	159.21
<b>Total MHSC</b>	2,500.00	1,909.21
<b>Professional Fees</b>		
Accounting	225.00	200.00
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	225.00	200.00
<b>Publication &amp; Marketing Comm.</b>		
Book sales	0.00	50.00
US exchange	0.00	14.87
<b>Total Publication &amp; Marketing Comm.</b>	0.00	64.87
<b>Reconciliation Discrepancies</b>	0.00	3,501.32
<b>Special project</b>		
Landing site project	0.00	1,200.00
Volendam project	28,511.00	0.00
<b>Total Special project</b>	28,511.00	1,200.00
<b>Westmenn Historical Comm.</b>		
Altbergthal project	1,000.00	0.00
Comm. mtg.	392.63	191.50
Publications	0.00	500.00
Storage	55.00	0.00
<b>Total Westmenn Historical Comm.</b>	1,447.63	691.50
<b>Total Expense</b>	37,833.11	15,005.41
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-2,352.95</b>	<b>-9,799.04</b>

## Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society

## Balance Sheet

As of 31 December 2019

	31 Dec 19
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Chequing	2,218.83
Crosstown Share Capital	5.00
Plan 24 Account	1,767.10
Surplus Shares	25.44
Total Chequing/Savings	4,016.37
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	1,647.65
Total Accounts Receivable	1,647.65
Other Current Assets	
Inventory Asset	3,697.80
Total Other Current Assets	3,697.80
Total Current Assets	9,361.82
Other Assets	
Eastmenn Investment Account	16,345.70
General investment	9,457.40
Total Other Assets	25,803.10
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>35,164.92</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
GST Payable	-5.00
Unearned Revenue	790.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	785.00
Total Current Liabilities	785.00
Total Liabilities	785.00
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	52,279.02
Retained Earnings	-15,134.30
Net Income	-2,764.80
Total Equity	34,379.92
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>35,164.92</b>

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<b>Schedule 1 - FY2019</b>									
	<b>General</b>	<b>Westmenn HC</b>	<b>Genealogy</b>	<b>Pub. &amp; Mar.</b>	<b>M. &amp; P.</b>	<b>Eastmenn HC</b>	<b>Special Prj.</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Opening balance – 2019 January 1</b>	<b>\$643.73</b>	<b>\$18,888.41</b>	<b>\$844.09</b>	<b>\$515.10</b>	<b>\$75.33</b>	<b>\$15,758.31</b>	<b>\$535.00</b>	<b>\$37,259.97</b>	<b>\$37,259.97</b>
Income									
Donations	\$1,815.98		\$500.00			\$300.00		\$2,615.98	\$3,000.00
Membership dues (Note 2)					\$235.00			\$235.00	\$600.00
Interest	\$384.10					\$432.81		\$816.91	\$405.00
Workshops								\$0.00	
Book sales		\$464.00	\$1,150.50	\$50.00		\$2,930.00		\$4,594.50	\$2,630.00
Other income	\$500.00	\$500.00			\$20.82		\$30,475.00	\$31,495.82	\$740.00
Total Income	\$2,700.08	\$964.00	\$1,650.50	\$50.00	\$255.82	\$3,662.81	\$30,475.00	<b>\$39,758.21</b>	\$7,375.00
								\$39,758.21	
Expenses									
AGM & comm. Mtgs.		\$392.63				\$243.72		\$636.35	\$500.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$2,540.00							\$2,540.00	\$2,275.00
Plett award								\$0.00	\$550.00
Cost of book sales		\$217.21	\$1,459.66			\$2,601.18		\$4,278.05	\$2,715.00
Other printing and shipping					\$1,155.95			\$1,155.95	\$925.00
Liability insurance								\$0.00	\$250.00
Professional fees	\$225.00							\$225.00	\$200.00
Inventory write off								\$0.00	
Special projects (Note 1)		\$1,000.00	\$500.00			\$2,139.46	\$28,511.00	\$32,150.46	\$4,000.00
Workshops								\$0.00	\$4,900.00
Office & Storage (Note 3)	\$256.65	\$55.00	\$100.00		\$113.70	\$600.00		\$1,125.35	\$1,358.00
Total Expenses	\$3,021.65	\$1,664.84	\$2,059.66	\$0.00	\$1,269.65	\$5,584.36	\$28,511.00	<b>\$42,111.16</b>	\$17,673.00
Surplus <Deficit>	-\$321.57	-\$700.84	-\$409.16	\$50.00	-\$1,013.83	-\$1,921.55	\$1,964.00	<b>-\$2,352.95</b>	-\$10,298.00
(less) Prior Yr. Unearned Revenue (Note 5)	-\$125.00							-\$125.00	-\$300.00
Unearned Revenue	\$795.00							\$795.00	\$500.00
<b>Ending balance – 2019 December 31</b>	<b>\$992.16</b>	<b>\$18,187.57</b>	<b>\$434.93</b>	<b>\$565.10</b>	<b>-\$938.50</b>	<b>\$13,836.76</b>	<b>\$2,499.00</b>	<b>\$35,577.02</b>	<b>\$27,161.97</b>

Sheet1

Schedule 1 (cont'd)									
Balances are comprised of:									
Bank and investments	\$992.16	\$15,882.90	-\$812.53		-\$938.50	\$9,876.51	\$2,499.00	\$27,499.54	
Accounts Receivable		\$500.00	\$1,150.50			\$410.00		\$2,060.50	
Books (see schedule 2)(Note 4)		\$1,804.67	\$96.96			\$3,550.25		\$5,451.88	
Retained Earnings	\$992.16	\$18,187.57	\$434.93	\$565.10	-\$938.50	\$13,836.76	\$2,499.00	\$35,577.02	
Note 1									
The special project expenditures in this fiscal year was the lecture series sponsored by the Eastmenn Historical Committee.									
Also included are the ER Atlas project, Chortitza Church project, and the Shantz Sheds 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.									
Note 6									
There was an adjustment made to the opening balance to reflect the actual funds in the bank.									

<b>Schedule 2 - FY2018</b>											
	<b>Books</b>	<b>Sold</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>Deduct: Adj.</b>	<b>Closing</b>	<b>Value of</b>	<b>Cost of books</b>	
	<b>Unit Sold</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Inventory</b>	<b>inv. Value</b>	<b>books</b>	<b>to inventory</b>	<b>to inventory</b>	<b>Inventory</b>	<b>Clos. Inv.</b>	<b>sold</b>	
B.H. Unruh Research on Mennonite Migrations	59	\$ 1,150.50	12	\$ 296.88	25			4	\$ 96.96	\$ 1,459.66	
Historical Atlas of the East Reserve	75	\$ 2,930.00	6	\$ 169.42	169	55		101	\$ 3,550.25	\$ 2,601.18	
Prairie Pioneers Schönthal Revisited	2	\$ 20.00	20	\$ 312.68	0			18	\$ 281.41	\$ 31.27	
The Outsiders Gaze	26	\$ 444.00	218	\$ 1,558.70	0	21		213	\$ 1,523.26	\$ 185.94	
Molotschna 1835 census	1	\$ 50.00	non-inventory item								
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,594.50</b>							<b>\$ 5,451.88</b>	<b>\$ 4,278.05</b>	

# Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society

## Proposed Consolidated Budget

January - December 2020

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	Jan - Dec 20
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Adminstration</b>	
Investment interest	235.00
<b>Total Adminstration</b>	235.00
<b>Donations</b>	2,500.00
<b>Eastmenn comm.</b>	
Book sales	500.00
Investment interest	400.00
Other income	500.00
<b>Total Eastmenn comm.</b>	1,400.00
<b>Genealogy Committee</b>	
Genealogy Book Series	250.00
<b>Total Genealogy Committee</b>	250.00
<b>Interest</b>	75.00
<b>M. &amp; P. Comm.</b>	
US cur	20.00
<b>Total M. &amp; P. Comm.</b>	20.00
<b>Membership Dues</b>	
2018 Dues	0.00
2020 Dues	250.00
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	250.00
<b>Publication &amp; Marketing Committ</b>	
Book sales	0.00
<b>Total Publication &amp; Marketing Committ</b>	0.00
<b>Special projects</b>	
Volendam project	0.00
web redesign genealogy	500.00
<b>Total Special projects</b>	500.00
<b>Westmenn Historical Committee</b>	
Altbergthal project	500.00
Book sales	250.00
<b>Total Westmenn Historical Committee</b>	750.00
<b>Total Income</b>	5,980.00
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
Cost of Goods Sold	741.00
<b>Total COGS</b>	741.00
<b>Gross Profit</b>	5,239.00
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Administration</b>	
AGM	100.00
Banking charges	20.00
Cash rebate	6.00
Corporation fee	40.00
Office supplies	75.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	241.00



**Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society**  
**Proposed Consolidated Budget**

January - December 2020

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	Jan - Dec 20
<b>Eastmenn HC</b>	
Admin. fee	500.00
Atlas project	700.00
Chortitza Church signage projec	500.00
Comm. mtg.	250.00
Lecture Series	1,500.00
Shantz Sheds Marker (design)	1,500.00
Shantz Sheds Marker project	0.00
Storage	100.00
<b>Total Eastmenn HC</b>	<b>5,050.00</b>
<b>Genealogy Comm.</b>	
Storage	100.00
Web design project	500.00
<b>Total Genealogy Comm.</b>	<b>600.00</b>
<b>Membership &amp; Publicity Comm.</b>	
HP Postage	185.00
HP Printing	375.00
WWW	125.00
<b>Total Membership &amp; Publicity Comm.</b>	<b>685.00</b>
<b>MHSC</b>	
GAMEO	750.00
Membership dues	1,000.00
<b>Total MHSC</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>
<b>Professional Fees</b>	
Accounting	225.00
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>225.00</b>
<b>Westmenn Historical Comm.</b>	
Altbergthal project	500.00
Comm. mtg.	100.00
Ft. Dufferin project	200.00
MMHPC	750.00
Storage	100.00
WR Atlas	200.00
<b>Total Westmenn Historical Comm.</b>	<b>1,850.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>10,401.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-5,162.00</b>