

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I was honored to honor Dwight Handyside during Eagle's Days last month. Why does Dwight show up every year to be Chief Quashqueema in the Grape Festival Pageant? He wants to tell his story and the story of his people. He wants to be sure we get it right. He wants us to understand.

Sometimes I wonder if we as an organization understand this. We spend a lot of time on showcases and windows and doors and lights. Very important items if you have a museum. But why the showcases and windows and doors and lights? Are they the object of our work? Not at all.

We need these things to care for our collection and display our collection. Our displays are the prop and the "talking point" of the stories. They are not, in essence, the stories. I would like to make 2009 a year we focus on the stories. Every piece of our collection is either a story or part of a story and those stories need telling. So let's start.

This newsletter focuses on a few key items. One is our goals for this year. As you read these goals, see if you can be part of the group that will get it done. The committees will be formed in the next few weeks, so get on board. Please call to get involved in areas you feel you can help with. The economy is going to make fundraising harder. Please be sure your 2009 dues are paid. This will help us get a good start. You'll notice that the 2008 financial results look a lot better than they did in November. Encouraging but not extravagant. Every dollar is going to count this year, so if you have a few extra, don't forget us.

In my last year as President, I am committed to complete the long-term objectives I set out to do three years ago. I need your help to get them done. Let's keep moving forward and make 2009 the most exciting year of all.

Sam Candido, President

2009 Nauvoo Historical Society Officers

Sam Candido—President

Dan Moffitt—First Vice President

Gaby Berry—Second Vice President

Allen Berry—Secretary

Pat Morrison—Treasurer

Kenneth Nudd—Director

Raymond Siegrist—Director

Jeff Hancks—Director

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Migrations

Starting at our first general membership meeting (Thursday, February 12, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Christ Lutheran Church, Nauvoo), Dan Moffitt will kick off our new series called "Migrations." Dan will discuss the early pioneers in Nauvoo, focusing on the Moffitt family. The Moffitts came to Nauvoo in the 1820s, and at least one member of the family has lived at the homestead on the river ever since. Dan still lives on the original homestead, and brings a special and very personal viewpoint to this story.

2009 Goals

Weld House

- ~Build and install the last four storm windows
- ~Install backyard fence and landscape the lawn
- ~Complete hedge
- ~Complete Fernetti Room and Grape Growers Exhibit
- ~Build handicap ramp for rear door (note: we have seed money for this project, need a few members to join me, large or small, and add a few hundred dollars to what we have so we can leave this legacy to those handicapped visitors)

Rheinberger House

- ~Install second showcase in President's Room
- ~Complete showcase lighting
- ~Complete Lincoln series (Lane K. Newberry)
- ~Complete furniture refurbishment

General

- ~The Grape Festival Pageant
- ~The Threshers (including spring days for grade schools)
- ~Historical Society outings
- ~Improve Icarian displays
- ~Special Events

Museum Talk

The sun is shining even if it is 12 degrees above zero this morning, so we know spring is coming again. Our museums are weathering their 170th winter, a strong tribute to the builders of the time, and to those who have, seeing their worth & beauty, preserved them.

Our hours are 1:00-4:00 p.m. from May 15 to October 15, seven days a week, as in the past. Our 55-year collections tell the story of Nauvoo from Native Americans to Quashquema to the present time in Nauvoo and the surrounding area. Our guides will walk through with you, or you can look around and see for yourself. Guides will answer your questions, or, if requested, research the answer for you. You will most certainly find them interested in your stories, too - building history.

Last year we were delighted to tell our story to over 500 people at the Rheinberger House, which is quite rewarding in a town full of places to see. The Weld House draws many visitors also, and the air conditioning, the Sam Strange collection, and our new digital video program there draw friends and townspeople in off the street to visit. They find themselves drawn to our displays, like all of our tourists.

Our guides take particular pleasure in large groups. Extra guides are always available. Sometimes we have refreshments and music, too. All of us, old timers & new guides alike, look forward to seeing you!

Guide meetings will be announced in late April. Phone (217) 453-2476 if you have any questions.

**Nauvoo Historical Society
Proposed 2009 Budget**

Category of Income or Expense	Detail of Income or Expense	2008 Proposed Jan 1.-Dec. 31	2008 Actual Jan. 1-Dec. 31	Year End +/- Variance	2009 Proposed Jan. 1-Dec. 31
<u>Income</u>					
Direct Income:	Dues:	\$1,700.00	\$1805.00	+\$105.00	\$1,500.00
	State of Illinois (total):	\$2,040.00	\$2,040.00	0	\$2,040.00
	Sale of New Books:	\$2,000.00	\$916.55	-\$1,083.45	\$750.00
	Interest Earned on Savings Acts:	\$50.00	\$40.58	-\$9.42	\$45.00
Contributions:	Weld House Museum:	\$300.00	\$272.05	-\$27.95	\$150.00
	Weld House Storm Window Fund:	\$500.00	\$890.89	+\$390.89	\$200.00
	Ramp Fund:	\$100.00	—	-\$100.00	\$100.00
	Rheinberger House Museum: General	\$200.00	\$325.00	+\$125.00	\$200.00
	Fundraising:	\$750.00	\$687.66	-\$62.34	\$500.00
	Funds Donated for Flat Screen TV:	—	*\$1,188.99	*+\$1,188.99	—
	Items Sold (Centennial Project):	—	*\$99.00	*+\$99.00	\$50.00
Total Income (in \$):		\$7,640.00	\$8,265.72	+\$625.72	\$5,535.00
<u>Expenses</u>					
Utilities & Services:	Gas:	\$750.00	\$864.95	-\$114.95	\$825.00
	Electric:	\$500.00	\$569.01	-\$69.01	\$550.00
	Water:	\$300.00	\$302.87	-\$2.87	\$300.00
	Mowing:	\$200.00	\$235.00	-\$35.00	\$250.00
Weld House Repairs:	Cleaning:	\$50.00	0	+\$50.00	\$50.00
	Storm Window Project:	—	\$1,896.71	-\$1,896.71	—
	Lighting Upstairs:	\$250.00	0	+\$250.00	
	Lighting Downstairs:	\$150.00	0	+\$150.00	
	General Repairs:	0	\$85.98	-\$85.98	\$100.00
	Interior/Exhibits etc.:	0	0	0	\$250.00
	Flat Screen TV for Museum:	0	0	0	—
Rheinberger Museum:	Lighting Display Case:	\$150.00	\$263.52	-\$113.52	—
	Cleaning & Refurbishing:	\$500.00	\$74.38	**+\$425.62	\$850.00

General Expenses:	Reupholster Settee:	\$700.00	\$22.25	***+\$677.75	——
	Safe Deposit Box:	\$14.00	\$14.00	0	\$14.00
	Web Page:	\$250.00	\$120.00	+\$130.00	\$200.00
	Inc. Filing Fee:	\$5.00	\$5.00	0	\$5.00
	Insurance:	\$775.00	\$676.00	+\$99.00	\$700.00
	Postage/Misc.:	\$200.00	\$134.54	+\$65.46	\$175.00
	Newsletters (Postage):	\$300.00	\$248.75	+\$51.25	\$300.00
	Newsletters (Printing):	\$250.00	\$449.59	-\$199.59	\$350.00
Guides and Events:	Museum Brochure Printing:	\$250.00	0	+\$250.00	\$250.00
	Rheinberger House:	\$2,200.00	\$1,550.00	+\$650.00	\$1,600.00
	Weld House Guides:	0	\$147.50	-\$147.50	——
	Tour of Homes:	\$100.00	0	+\$100.00	——
	Speakers:	\$150.00	\$76.82	+\$73.18	\$150.00
	Award Dinner:	\$90.00	\$100.47	-\$10.47	\$100.00
	Membership Committee:	\$100.00	\$22.73	+\$77.27	\$100.00
Miscellaneous Items:	Music for Events:	\$250.00	0	+\$250.00	——
	New Book Shipping & Handling:	0	\$4.80	-\$4.80	\$25.00
	Dues to Other Associations:	\$90.00	\$140.00	-\$50.00	\$150.00
	Supplies & Sundries:	\$100.00	\$159.12	-\$59.12	\$125.00
	Not Reimbursed by Chamber:	0	*\$91.11	*-\$91.11	0
	Purchases (Centennial Project):	0	\$151.00	*-\$151.00	0
Total Expenses (in \$):		\$8,674.00	\$8,406.10	+\$267.90	\$7,419.00
Total Variance +/-		-\$1,034.00	-\$140.38	+357.82	

*Indicates unanticipated income/expense

**Earmarked for upholstery and general refurbishing by donors

***Earmarked to complete project not completed in 2008 in 2009

Pat Morrison, Treasurer 1/31/2009

Sam Candido, President 2/1/2009

Wish List

Thank you for your help:

- Designated monetary donations for storm windows or handicap access ramp (any amount is appreciated)
- 8 foot stepladder
- Folding chairs or stacking plastic chairs
- Picture frames
- White cotton gloves

If you can help with these items, please contact Dan Moffitt at (217) 453-6691 or Sam Candido at (217) 453-6590. We thank you for your consideration.

Nauvoo Historical Society Membership Form

Name _____ Phone Number(_____)_____

Street _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ \$15 Basic

_____ \$25 Business

_____ \$25 Family

_____ \$100 Patron Club

_____ \$10 Senior (over 65 years)

_____ \$250 Life Membership

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