

# NAUVOO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## Letter from the president

It's November, and as we prepare for our Annual Dinner Meeting at the grand, historic Hotel Nauvoo, we enter the season where people traditionally take time to give thanks—not a daily kind of thanks for this meal or for this day—but a special time put aside just to give thanks.

2006 has been a wonderful year for our Society. We completed (or will by year end) the tasks we planned: the restoration work on the Weld House, cataloging the Rheinberger Museum, grounds work on both, the special school programs, dinners, grand openings, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Grape Festival events, three great membership meetings with terrific programs, publication of our revised “Nauvoo” book, a timely and complete newsletter, and an upswing in visitors and donations to both Museums. So we need to give thanks.

Personally, and on behalf of the Board, I want to thank all those who helped with this—our members who joined or renewed, those who donated financially, those who gave their time to work on buildings and/or special events, our authors and editors, our catalog team, our guides, our gardeners, those who visited our museums, our presenters, our friends at the Nauvoo State Park, those neighbor associations who teamed with us or helped us, those who loaned or donated items to the museum, those who opened their homes or buildings to us, those who came so faithfully to meetings, those who offered help and suggestions, those who just passed by and said, “it looks nice”, and those families who shared a spouse, a mom or dad to donate time to work with us.

I especially want to thank the Board for giving everything a fair hearing, for their frankness, and for enduring many a long Thursday night in meetings.

One task still remains for all of us: our bylaws need to be updated. We currently do not have adequate definition to protect our collections and our building. We started the process last year and incorporated the member feedback from last November's meeting and last February's meeting into our revisions, printed in this newsletter for your advance review. As a society dedicated to preserve our collections, we need to make these bylaws official on November 9<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will join me in doing just that by voting “yes” so that future generations will thank us for working together and having the foresight to safeguard what we kept for them to treasure and pass on.

I invite you all to our dinner, and look forward to seeing all our members and guests at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at Hotel Nauvoo.

-Sal Candido, President

### **Upcoming Points of Interest:**

- Nauvoo Historical Society Food Stand at the Spooky Trail Walk, Saturday, October 28
- Election Day Dinner, November 7, 5-7 p.m. KC Hall
- General Membership Meeting, November 9, 6:30 p.m. Hotel Nauvoo
- Election of 2007 Board Officers
- Budget Approval
- Vote on Bylaw Changes
- December 2, Christmas program at the Weld House for the Holiday Walk

# PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NAUVOO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BYLAWS

***Proposed changes to the bylaws are bolded and italicized in the following text.***

## ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Any individual, business or institution interested in the history of Nauvoo and the surrounding community may become a member of the society. The society shall not discriminate by race, color, national origin, sex, creed, familial status, or handicap.

### Section 1. Categories of membership:

- a. Individual. Dues shall be \$10.00 per year with one vote.
- b. Family. Dues shall be \$10.00 per year with one vote per family membership. Members must live in the same household.)
- c. Business & Professional Group. Dues shall be \$25.00 per year with no vote.
- d. Contributing Member. Dues shall be \$50.00 per year with no vote.
- e. Patron's Club. Dues shall be \$100.00 per year with no vote.
- f. Honorary Member. Honorary membership may be given to a non-member who has given outstanding service to the Society. The name of this individual shall be proposed to the Board of Directors for the approval a minimum of thirty days prior to presentation to the Society for a vote.
- g. Life Membership. Life membership shall be \$100 per person.
- h. Youth Membership (up to 18 years of age.). \$5.00 per year with no vote.

### ***Section 1. Categories of membership:***

- a. ***Individual. Dues shall be \$15.00 per year with one vote.***
- b. ***Family. Dues shall be \$25.00 per year with two votes per family membership. (Members must be in the same household.)***
- c. ***Associate Membership (Business/Professional). Dues shall be \$25.00 per year with one designated vote.***
- d. ***Life Membership. One time payment of \$250 with one vote.***
- e. ***Youth Membership (up to 18 years). \$5.00 per year with no vote.***
- f. ***Senior (over age 65). \$10.00 per year with one vote.***
- g. ***Patron's Club. Dues shall be \$100.00 per year with no vote.***
- h. ***Honorary Member. Honorary membership may be given to a non-member who has given outstanding service to the Society. The name of this individual shall be proposed to the Board of Directors for the approval a minimum of thirty days prior to presentation to the Society for a vote. An Honorary Member will have no voting privileges.***

## ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

### **The President may:**

6. Appoint a Liaison Representative to the Society as an observer on boards of organizations in Hancock Co. (Details in Standing Rule.)
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- e. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall:
4. Submit the proposed budget for the next fiscal year to the membership thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting

***Submit the proposed budget for the next fiscal year to the membership in the October newsletter published at least 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting***

## ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Section 2. Duties. The Board of Directors shall:

- h. ***Make recommendations for the disposal of real/non-monetary property.***  
***Disposition of real/non-monetary property of the Nauvoo Historical Society may only take place under the following conditions:***

1. *No property of the Nauvoo Historical Society may be sold, given, or disposed of in any way without prior majority approval of the Board. Approval only constitutes a recommendation to the Membership.*
2. *No property on loan to the Nauvoo Historical Society may be sold, given, or disposed of in any way.*
3. *No chair or site manager may dispose of any property or artifact of the Nauvoo Historical Society without prior majority approval of the Board and approved by the membership.*
4. *In order to recommend the sale, gift, or other disposition of any property:*
  - 4.1 *The item(s) must be appraised by an identified qualified appraiser.*
  - 4.2 *The item(s) must be physically viewed by the Board.*
  - 4.3 *The disposition requires a majority vote of the Board.*
5. *Approval of the Board constitutes only a recommendation to be voted on by the Membership at a regular meeting. Items valued at \$200.00 or more must be voted upon by the Membership at the Annual Meeting.*
6. *All such recommendations by the Board must be published in the newsletter at least 2 weeks prior to the next Member ship and/or annual meeting.*
7. *The sale or purchase of real estate is governed by a special rule. It requires a 2/3 majority of the entire board, no abstentions or absences, followed by a 2/3 vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting, this sale or purchase published in the same newsletter as the Nominations, Budgets, and Changes to Bylaws and Standing Rules. In the event of an emergency, the Board may convene a special membership meeting to explain, discuss, and vote on the purpose of the sale or purchase of the real property.*

#### ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 3. Annual Meeting. The membership will be notified a minimum of 30 days prior to the meeting. This notification will include a list of candidates for office and any proposed amendments to the Bylaws or Standing Rules.

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#### ARTICLE VIII - STANDING COMMITTEES

The following standing committees shall be appointed by the President of the Society and presented to the Board of Directors for Approval within 30 days following the Annual Meeting:

##### Section 1. Standing Committees

- a. Finance/Budget. (Chaired by the Treasurer)
- b. Program – General Meeting Programs Committee. (Chaired by First Vice- President).
- c. Membership. (Chaired by Second Vice-President)
- d. Fund Raising
- e. ***Chairpersons of the Weld House, Rheinberger House and Research Resource Center Programs.***
- f. Publicity /Newsletter
- g. Bylaws
- h. Grant writing
- i. ***Guides***
- j. ***Grounds***

Corrected 2/26/98, 11/2000

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Updated 9/14/2003

## ELECTION DAY DINNER

**The Nauvoo Historical Society will host the annual Election Day Dinner Tuesday, November 7, 5-7 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Mulholland. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a bowl of soup/chili, or have a delicious maid rite sandwich, along with a variety of homemade pies. The proceeds from the dinner will be used for needed repairs and maintenance to the Weld Museum. So remember November 7, go out and vote, then head on over to the KC Hall for some delicious homemade food.**

## BEGINNINGS

STS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

BY GENNY SIMMENS

*“In the sanctuary, beside the main altar, the 600 year old crucifix from Baden Germany, donated by the Patrick Harrington family still stands.”*

The early missionary period for the Catholic Church was covered in the first of our series so we begin here with the first priest to cover the area, named Fr. St. Cyr, followed by Fr. Lefevre ministering to this rural community from 1835 to 1840. Fr. Conway and Drew served 1840 to 1848. Fr. Griffith became the resident pastor September 8, 1848, organizing St. Patrick’s Church now known as the Villa Marie with the first floor serving as the church and the second floor as the rectory. After Fr. Griffith died in the spring of 1849, Fr. Kennedy served.

Fr. Alleman, who purchased and installed the first bell, still in use today, followed him in September, 1841. The bell has an inscription “Cast by Father Frank Mayer, St Louis, Mo. 1852” A cross and three stars are on one side and St. Patrick’s Church, Nauvoo, J. G. Alleman, Pastor on the other. The Knights of Columbus, K.C.’s, are named for Fr. Alleman.

Then came Fr. O’Neil, followed by Fr. Meehan and Fr. Schilling, with Fr. Schilling beginning construction of a new church with Fr. Reimbold finishing it in 1873.

Records of this effort are almost non-existent. Only a few scraps of paper remain, on saying “Joe Schafer is hauling sand from a sandbar in the Mississippi over 18 inches of ice.” And, “Bricks are being barged down the river from Ft. Madison, Iowa.”

The church was 50 feet wide, 120 feet long, 40 feet to the eaves with a steeple towering 140 feet in the air. Two large round sheet-iron stoves 7 feet tall and 3 feet in diameter heated the building. Large black stove pipes traversed half the length and the church, then entered a chimney on each side—not very efficient in cold weather. (Fr. Reimbold’s overcoat could be seen extending below his cassock.) Lighting was by kerosene cluster chandeliers down the center of the church.

Fr. Reimbold spent his entire priesthood from 1867 until his death in 1915 in Nauvoo as did his successor, Fr. Tholen who died suddenly of a heart attack in 1946. The intervening years were exciting and busy. The Benedictine Sisters from Chicago started a girls’ boarding and day school in 1874. In 1876 a cyclone toppled the steeple and destroyed the John Wellner home killing their infant son. A pipe organ was installed in 1882 operated by hand bellows.

As the year 1900 approached, the parishioners held a rare midnight Mass, traveling from all over the countryside by horse and buggy or walking. The church was filled to its capacity of 350 worshippers.

In the early 1930’s in the dark of night a liquid explosive was inserted in the tabernacle and blew the door off. The explosion wakened Fr. Tholen, but the culprit escaped and was never caught.

Fr. Christian LaBonte came next, building a new grade school to replace the grade and high school building which had been in use since 1918.

In 1956, Jack Logan saw smoke and fire billowing out of the furnace room at 3:00 in the morning, turned in the fire alarm and the fire department’s quick action put out the flames as they were lapping at the sanctuary door.

Fr. (Capt. U.S.N.C.) John Wissing followed after Monsignor LaBonte's retirement. Fr. (now Monsignor) Paul Schowalter's work began in 1980 and following his transfer, Fr. Slovish was appointed, then Fr. Dwight Campbell and Fr. Greg Ketcham who added pre-school and kindergarten classes.

Now we are beginning another century. In the sanctuary, beside the main altar, the 600 year old crucifix from Baden Germany, donated by the Patrick Harrington family still stands. We give thanks to God for the existence of this grand old church and the service to the community of it's many parishioners. St. Mary's Monastery found it necessary to move on but Sts. Peter & Paul's school still welcomes children of all faiths and grounds them in values in decency and Christian behavior. May they continue to do so for many years ahead! Our community is deeply grateful for Sts. Peter & Paul Church and school.

## 2006 Dues Are Now Payable

(Please use this for new and/or renewing memberships)

We invite you and your friends to join the  
Nauvoo Historical Society (a not-for-profit organization)

Enclose this membership form with your check

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Dues Structure: (Please check one or more of the options listed below.)

- Individual Membership (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_
- Business/Professional (\$25.00) \_\_\_\_\_
- Contributing (\$50) \_\_\_\_\_
- Patron (\$100.00) \_\_\_\_\_
- Life Membership (\$100.00) \_\_\_\_\_
- Youth (up to 18 years) Membership (\$5) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your 2006 dues to: Barb Boyles, Treasurer  
Nauvoo Historical Society  
P.O. Box 69  
Nauvoo, IL 62354

**\*NOTE: 2007 Dues are subject to change after the November General Membership meeting. Check the new proposed changes on page 2 of this newsletter.**



## **SPOOKY TRAIL WALK**

The Nauvoo Historical Society will have a food stand in front of the Hotel Nauvoo for the  
Spooky Trail Walk,

Saturday, October 28, 2006.

Pies, cider, chocolate drink, and coffee will be sold.

Come and enjoy the festivities.

## **General Membership Meeting**

The General Membership meeting will be 6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 9, 2006,  
at the Hotel Nauvoo on Mulholland Street.

Jeff Hancks, from WIU, will speak on the importance of an Icarian Museum in Nauvoo to  
preserve that segment of local history and keep the timeline intact.

Please call Sal Candido (453-2830) or Irene Payson (453-2535)  
for your reservations.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Dr. Joyce Ann Shireman ( 1940-2006) , Active member, newsletter chair, and speaker of many interesting  
presentations for the Nauvoo Historical Society.

**Nauvoo Historical Society**

**Proposed 2007 Budget**

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>Detail</u></b>	<b><u>2006 Proposed</u></b>	<b><u>2006 Actual</u></b>	<b><u>2007 Proposed</u></b>
<b>Income</b>				
Direct Income				
	Dues	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 1,500.00
	State of Illinois	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 2,040.00
	State of Illinois Pending		\$ 1,090.00	
	Tour of Homes	\$ 600.00	\$ 543.00	\$ 600.00
	Sale of New Books	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,504.00	\$ 4,000.00
Contributions				
	Weld House	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
	Weld House Repairs		\$ 2,400.00	
	Rhineberger Museum	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
	General / Fund Raising	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 409.50	\$ 1,000.00
<b><u>Total Income (in \$\$)</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 8,740.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 11,966.50</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,490.00</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Utilities and Services				
	Gas	\$ 620.00	\$ 688.00	\$ 750.00
	Electric	\$ 270.00	\$ 367.00	\$ 500.00
	Water	\$ 150.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 150.00
	Mowing	\$ 200.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 200.00
	Cleaning	\$ 225.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 200.00

	Repairs Weld House	\$	250.00	\$	4,800.00	\$	-
	Gas Line					\$	350.00
	Lighting Upstairs					\$	900.00
	Lighting Downstairs					\$	800.00
	Rheinberger Museum					\$	-
	Lighting display case					\$	150.00
	Safe deposit box	\$	15.00	\$	15.00	\$	15.00
	Postage/Misc	\$	125.00	\$	247.00	\$	250.00
	New Book Postage						
	Web Page	\$	10.00	\$	860.00	\$	250.00
	Inc. Filing Fee	\$	10.00	\$	5.00	\$	10.00
	Insurance	\$	675.00	\$	745.00	\$	775.00
Guides and Events							
	Rheinberger House	\$	1,530.00	\$	1,700.00	\$	2,200.00
	Tour of homes	\$	100.00	\$	25.00	\$	100.00
	Newsletters (Print)	\$	300.00	\$	370.00	\$	375.00
	Newsletters (Postage)	\$	250.00	\$	376.00	\$	375.00
	Speakers	\$	200.00	\$	-	\$	200.00
	Award Dinner	\$	55.00	\$	50.00	\$	55.00
	Membership Committee	\$	50.00	\$	-	\$	65.00
Major purchases							
	New Book 3000 Copies	\$	7,500.00	\$	11,622.00	\$	-
Misc.	New Book ship & handle					\$	500.00

