

AGM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of MHV is to preserve and exhibit for present and future generations the experience and story of the Russian Mennonites and their contributions to Manitoba.

VISION STATEMENT

MHV will be the premier interpretive centre for the Russian Mennonite story.

CORE VALUES

Integrity
Respect
Excellence
Financial Sustainability
Environmental Responsibility
Visitor/Customer Friendly
Member Owned
Teamwork

MHV BOARD MEMBERS

Doris Penner
Waldy Ens
Kerry Fast
Carlee Friesen
Kyle Friesen
Neil Klassen
Christian Peters
Sid Reimer
Roland Sawatzky
Erin Unger
Hans Werner
Matt Wieler

BY VIRTUE OF POSITION

MHV Auxiliary President
Linda Schoeder

AGM AGENDA

58th Annual General Meeting

April 4, 2023

Meeting Agenda

Welcome	Doris Penner
Approval of Agenda	Doris Penner
Opening	Gary Dyck
Minutes of AGM, April 19, 2022	Waldy Ens
President's Report	Doris Penner
Executive Director's Report	Gary Dyck
MHV Auxiliary's Report	Linda Schroeder
Financial Statements	Christian Peters
2022 Budget	Christian Peters
Appointment of the Auditor for 2023	Christian Peters
Nominating Committee Report	Waldy Ens
Election of Directors	Waldy Ens
Closing Remarks and Adjournment	Doris Penner

Mennonite Heritage Village (MHV)

56th Annual General Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2022 - 7:30 PM

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:**

President Doris Penner called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. She stated that MHV is much more than a collection of artefacts. Above all, it is a place where we are reminded of our Mennonite heritage. She began the meeting with a prayer.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** (Report Book Page 2)

Motion: To accept the agenda as printed.

M/S/C: Reg Toews/Allan Kroeker

3. **Opening Remarks:** Gary Dyck welcomed everyone to the meeting. He emphasized the well-being initiative that is offered by the museum. We provide calming experiences. He explained why this needs to be emphasized. It is good for the staff, volunteers, low-income families, and people who are dealing with life's pressures. It opens up a gateway for grants, helped people during the pandemic, and was a way to connect to Eastman Immigration – Ukrainian refugees. There are many ways that this initiative can open doors.

4. **Minutes of Annual General Meeting, April 6, 2021:** (Pages 3-5)

Waldy Ens summarized the minutes.

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of April 2, 2021, be adopted with one change of date on point 10 (2020 to 2021).

M/S/C: Waldy Ens/Erin Unger

5. **President's Report:** (Page 6-7) Doris reported that the museum staff did an excellent job of telling our story in 2021, despite uncertainty and intermittent COVID restrictions. She thanked Gary and the staff for managing so well in the past year. She also thanked the board for its dedication and recognized three board members who will not be returning: Glen Klassen, Scott Barkman and Allan Kroeker.

6. **Executive Director's Report:** (Pages 8-15) Gary stated that 2021 was a difficult year. We had to shut down on May 11 to July 17. It was a hard time, but we kept busy improving the grounds. The restoration of the Chortitz housebarn was a project that was front and center as a large grant allowed us to complete phase one. Phase two will hopefully get completed in 2022. We missed Pioneer days, but the day camps were a big success. We are hopeful that the bike trail will be extended to the museum. Other events will be important fundraisers that we missed out on in 2021.

7. **MHV Auxiliary's Report:** (Pages 16-17)

Linda Schroeder, MHV Auxiliary President, reported that 2021 was more exciting than was expected. We had some creative fundraising ideas such as the drive-through perogy supper. Waffle sales on Demonstration days and rollkuchen pre-orders were also very successful. Projects that the auxiliary supported included the water fountain in the Peter Barkman summer pavilion, the education program, the window treatment in the auditorium and the pathway project around the pond and peace garden. Total income was \$34,391 and the total expenses were \$34,091.

Motion: That the reports of the President, Executive Director, MHV Auxiliary, and the staff reports be accepted as presented.

M/S/C: Sid Reimer/Willie Peters

Financial Statements Report: (Separate)

Carlee Friesen reported that the numbers are a different way of telling the same story. She highlighted a few details. Donations were steady. Grants were very important. This is true for the last two years. Fundraising was down. Expenses were down as well. There was a deficit, but grants at the beginning of the year will take care of that.

Motion: To accept the 2021 Audited Financial Statement

M/S/C: Carlee Friesen/Al Hamm

9. **Presentation of 2022 Budget:** (Page 18-19): The budget reflects the hope that our museum will be open as per normal. Some capital projects are included. We are hoping for a balanced budget this year.

Motion: To approve the 2022 Budget as presented.

M/S/C: Reg Toews/Allan Kroeker

10. **Appointment of Auditors for 2022:**

Motion: That the firm of MNP be appointed as auditors for Mennonite Heritage Village for the 2022 fiscal year.

M/S/C: Carlee Friesen/Willie Peters

11. **By-Laws Amendments:** Hans Werner highlighted the changes to our by-laws. Two categories of changes were noted – protections and electronic notices and meetings. He went over the changes to the by-laws (see attachment)

Motion: That the amendments outlined at this meeting and as reflected in the Amendment Draft dated April 11th, 2022 and circulated prior to the AGM be adopted and with the final text numbered appropriately.

M/S/C: Hans Werner/Allan Kroeker

12. **Nominating Committee Report and Election of Directors:** (Pages 20-21)

Waldy Ens explained the report and stated that acceptance of the Nominating Committee Report stated that the following candidates would be standing for election and re-election: Waldy Ens, Doris Penner, Neil Klassen, Kerry Fast, Kyle Friesen, and Christian Peters. There is no vacancy on the Board for the upcoming year.

Motion: That Waldy Ens be re-elected to the board. M/S/C: Doris Penner/Sid Reimer,

Motion: That Doris Penner be re-elected to the board for a two year term. M/S/C: Waldy Ens/Willie Peters

Motion: That Neil Klassen and Kerry Fast be elected to the board. M/S/C: Waldy Ens/Carlee Friesen

Motion: That Kyle Friesen be elected to the board for a two year term. M/S/C: Waldy Ens/Scott Barkman

Motion: That Christian Peters be elected to the board for a one year term. M/S/C: Waldy Ens/Robert Goertzen

12. **Closing Remarks and Adjournment:** Doris Penner thanked everyone for coming this evening. She highlighted some events in the near future. The meeting adjourned at 8:36.

Doris Penner, President

Waldy Ens, Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Doris Penner | Board President

The mission of MHV is to preserve and exhibit for present and future generations the experience and story of the Russian Mennonites and their contribution to Manitoba. The question at each annual meeting is, "How well have we told the story over the last year?" I think the staff did an exceptional job of telling the story in 2022—hosting events, setting up exhibits and displays, interpreting cairns and monuments, offering meals and generally welcoming visitors to the grounds.

It was with a collective sigh of relief that the museum got back to near-normal programming after several years of pandemic restrictions. The year started by opening an ice rink for skating, followed by a winter carnival in March. Building on an obvious interest in snow sports, the end of 2022 saw the implementation of winter walking trails in addition to an ice rink as well as investment in equipment such as snowshoes and kicksleds in a move to make MHV more of a year-round facility. The General Store was winterized, and a brilliant display of lights added ambience and beauty. No doubt, interest and attendance will increase for Winter in the Village as people become aware of this new venue.

The exhibit in the temporary gallery under the direction of senior curator Andrea Klassen opened in May. The topic, "Leaving Canada: the Mennonite Migration to Mexico" created a buzz of interest and drew many people over the

summer. The museum is fortunate to have a professional curator on staff to co-ordinate well-researched and relevant exhibits that give visitors a glimpse into facets of Mennonite history.

Festival events – Canada Day, Pioneer Days and Fall on the Farm – were well attended; it was obvious the public was excited to be back on the grounds after a period of event cancellation.

One of the highlights of 2022 was the grand opening of the Dirk Willems Peace Garden in August. The crowd gathered facing the newly-constructed pergola and the stunning Willems monument and heard a brief history of the reason for the garden and the work that went into implementing it. With the pond shores stabilized and the prairie garden in place, the area is a beautiful place for quiet reflection.

I would like to thank executive director, Gary Dyck and the staff for navigating so well the pandemic years and the transition back to normal. I am grateful for the board of directors, made up of people from different walks of life who faithfully attend meetings and give wise oversight. This year we are losing two board members, Sid Reimer after three terms and Christian Peters after a shorter time. I thank them for their service and wish them well in future endeavours. Last but not least, thank you to MHV members for their ongoing interest and support.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Gary Dyck | Executive Director

2022 was Mennonite Heritage Village's busiest year ever! Starting with a new day camp for kids in January and ending with the first-time development of Winter in the Village in December. For years MHV has desired to be more than a seasonal museum and now we can provide outdoor activity in addition to our two indoor galleries. Our events were also well attended with much engagement. People of all generations are learning about the faith, challenges, and heritage of the Mennonite community.

For the third year in a row, we drummed up approximately half a million in grants. These grants help us with the upkeep of our heritage buildings, hiring summer staff, developing new exhibits, planting trees, and now having a village that can be lit up in winter with plenty of options for winter activity. The latter, being an elusive goal for MHV that is now being fulfilled. 'Winter in the Village' will provide another revenue stream, including rentals of skates, snowshoes, kicksleds, and countless warm cups of hot chocolate.

Our inaugural Peace Trek was in August. Over 36 cyclists and runners raised \$14,000 for MHV and Eden Foundation. On that same day, we also officially opened the Dirk Willems Peace Garden



Closing ceremonies of the inaugural Peace Trek

which includes a sculpture, pergola, garden, and path around the pond. We are excited about how large and special the Peace Trek will become in 2024, which is the 150th anniversary of the Mennonite arrival to Manitoba. This landing site is the starting point of the Peace Trek with MHV being the terminus.

I am thankful for all the great people I get to work with at MHV. We are still recovering from the setbacks of the pandemic. In 2023, we will build on what started in 2022 while preparing for 2024 which is the 60th anniversary of MHV and the 150th anniversary of the Manitoba Mennonites.

Curatorial Department's Report

Andrea Klassen | Senior Curator



Leaving Canada: The Mennonite Migration to Mexico

The Curatorial Department's main project in 2022 was our exhibit "Leaving Canada: The Mennonite Migration to Mexico," which marked 100 years since the migration of Mennonites from Canada to Latin America. The exhibit was based on many successful partnerships: community members lent items from their private collections to MHV for the exhibit and MHV partnered with the Plett Foundation (PF), the Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies (CTMS), and the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada (MHSC) in the development of the exhibit and the outreach surrounding it. The exhibit lives on in virtual format, complete with videos and photos, on our website.



Leaving Canada Virtual Tour

Outreach for "Leaving Canada" included media engagements with all three organizations represented and a webinar "Speaker Series" that included presentations from scholars in the field here in Canada and from Manitoba Colony in Mexico. Each webinar saw about 100-150 participants tune in live and the videos posted on MHV's and CTMS's YouTube channels have received a combined 4,540 views!

This viewership points to a community beyond the walls of the museum that is engaged and interested in our work.

These organizational partnerships were particularly rich and helped to connect the work of MHV with the academic and heritage community in Manitoba and more widely, across Canada and internationally. In 2023, MHV is continuing the partnership with MHSC and the PF on this exhibit as we send a travelling exhibit of the same name on the road to locations in every province from Ontario west to British Columbia over the next two years to share this important part of our history with communities across Canada.

Another exciting project in our department was the migration of our artefact database from Virtual Collections to Musetoba. Virtual Collections was software that MHV had been using for about the last 20 years, but it was

outdated and no longer supported by the company that made it, which left our collections data in a precarious position. Musetoba is a cooperative collections management system designed by the Association of Manitoba Museums designed for small-to-medium-sized museums in Manitoba. In 2022 our main task was to migrate our collections data to Musetoba and begin the long, multi-year process of cleaning and standardizing our collections data. Musetoba is web-based and therefore accessible from any computer with an internet connection, and in 2023 will expand to include a public-facing web portal that will allow the public to search the collections of all participating museums.

Musetoba represents a great improvement in our collections care, securing our collections data, and will allow us to make our collection more accessible to researchers, artefact donors, constituency, and the general public.

As always, I am very thankful to our 2022 curatorial staff, Kara Suderman (Curatorial Assistant) and Kayliegh Penner (Database Assistant, term contract in 2022) for their work in moving MHV's mission forward through the work of the curatorial department. I am also tremendously grateful for the assistance of so many volunteers, without whom we simply could not have done these important projects. Thank you!

"I visited the Mennonite Heritage Village in August 2022 and it was such a great experience. It was so interesting and insightful to learn about my background and ancestors.

The Leaving Canada exhibit was one of my favourite parts. As both sides of my family lived in Mexico and Paraguay, the information about the Mennonites' journeys migrating to these areas was fascinating and very relevant to my life." – Visitor Review

Development Coordinator's Report

Kaelyn Nickel | Development Coordinator

From brand-new events and fundraisers to new partnerships with local businesses, 2022 was a year of recovery and revitalization.

Between the Spring Gala, Summer in the City, and Tractor Trek, June was packed with fundraisers. The 2022 Spring Gala focused on the theme of 'Leaving Canada: The Mennonite Migration to Mexico' exhibit, and other activities. Unlike 2019, the attendance and donation amounts were less than the previous gala (2019). Upon debriefing the event, the staff concluded that there were areas for improvement. The successes and failures of the 2022 gala were documented and will be referenced in the planning of this year's gala. Despite a rainy Sunday morning, Summer in the City saw promising numbers at the waffle hut fundraiser. While this event does not directly affect the daily operations of MHV, the amount raised in a single weekend is noteworthy. We plan to continue to grow our presence with Summer in the City by incorporating more heritage activities. Tractor Trek saw the return of many familiar faces as participants registered and rode across the backroads of the prairies. The number of participants did not quite match the previous level of attendance, but it was a successful event.

In August, Eden Foundation and MHV partnered again to host the first-ever Peace Trek. This event was established

between Eden and MHV to raise money and awareness for heritage and physical and mental health. The organizations formed a committee in conjunction with creating and launching the historic Peace Trail. As it was a first-time event, we were pleasantly surprised by the support from the community.

The Pioneer Days parade returned in 2022. Several staff members donned costumes and distributed candy to parade attendees.

Development continues at MHV with the implementation of new systems and technology. In 2022, we began the process of upgrading our website with Homefield. We increased our virtual presence through regular social media interactions and posting. We continued to implement virtual exhibits, established online ticketing, and provided online resources for attendees.

After an educational reopening year, it is apparent that the future holds a plethora of promising development opportunities at MHV.



Pioneer Days Parade

Program Manager's Report

Robert Goertzen | Program Manager

After two years, the Program Department resumed activities and events that were cancelled or postponed during the pandemic restrictions. It was very good to re-engage with our many volunteers, our supporters, and our community, host our large summer festivals, and continue to develop our smaller events.

The Education Program started quickly with school groups returning in large numbers (2400+ students) in May, June, and September. Our summer staff, Meagan Pedneault and Desiree Vermette, were busy with arranging tours, reconnecting with volunteer interpreters, and planning for Summer Day Camps. Our summer camps continued to grow, as four weeks of Day Camp saw 108 summer campers and a three-day Winter Camp welcomed 14 campers. Partway through the summer, Reann Thiessen joined the education crew to assist with the planning and implementing of the Summer Day Camp program.

Our festival days, Canada Day, Pioneer Days, and Fall on the Farm, attracted 11,350 visitors (nearly matching our 2019 numbers). It was great to host so many returning and new visitors! The Winter Carnival in February, Manitoba Day in May, and the Heritage Classic Car show in July continued to flourish and develop. Summer In The City returned to Steinbach in June, and we brought our famous waffles to the Cultures area as a fundraiser.

Two activity-based fundraisers were also held in collaboration with Eden Foundation, Tractor Trek in June and Peace Trek (cycling) in August. All

these summer events were organized with the help of Jaysa Plett, our Program Assistant. We also hosted a new event in April called The Great Easter Egg Hunt, which saw over 600 participants searching for chocolate easter eggs. The All My Relations initiative provided several evenings to learn and reflect on Canada's treatment of our Indigenous friends and neighbours, including a reflective day on September 30 commemorating the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Near the end of the year, our staff was busy preparing for the launch of our



Pioneer Day Camp

Winter In The Village programming, designed to offer winter activities at MHV from December to February.



Fun at Winter in the Village

As you have read, MHV WAS BUSY! And we hope to continue to develop our programs and activities. We want to be a relevant space where people can experience the story of the early Mennonite settlers to Manitoba. We also want MHV to be a regular part of community life in southern Manitoba, whatever our ethnicity or background. This is only possible with the help of our volunteers. Though some long-time volunteers have retired, we continue to appreciate our faithful supporters who help us with groundskeeping, serving waffles, demonstrating pioneer skills, and assisting with ticket sales. We trust that both volunteers and staff find serving the public at MHV to be enriching and worthwhile.

“There have been incredible opportunities to work with people of various ages. Whether it has been volunteers who generously gave their free time to share stories, knowledge, and skills, or the youth and young children who have shown a desire to learn more about pioneer life, this summer has opened my eyes to the importance each of these generations plays in preserving Mennonite heritage... it has given me direct exposure to Mennonite heritage...their passion is contagious.” – Reann Thiessen, Education Assistant

Admissions, Village Books & Gifts, General Store

Nita Wiebe | Reception

Admissions/Reception:

2022 was a very busy year with visitors from around the globe. People were excited to be able to travel once more, and they came out in record numbers. Many countries and cultures were represented.



The first visitors of Fall on the Farm

Village Books & Gifts:

With the increased number of guests at the museum, Village Books & Gifts also saw a 50% increase in sales of books and souvenirs over the previous year. VB&G events included more Author's nights, but attendance dropped substantially, perhaps due to increased frequency or bad weather. We are evaluating how often we plan this event. The annual Christmas Market had great attendance, and shoppers and vendors seemed very pleased with the variety and atmosphere of the event.

The General Store:

There were eight vendors working in the General Store in 2022 plus space was found to display and offer VB&G items that did not compete with the artisan's stock. Sales increased by 100% and the ladies were thrilled with the added income!

The candy shop sold thousands of dollars worth of goods again. Dentists rejoice!

"Wow! This museum is outstanding. The staff were so friendly, the information was very easy to understand. I spent about 2.5 hours there and still had to cut my time short. I would recommend 4 hours there if you enjoy reading and looking at everything! I didn't stop in the restaurant but the menu looks delicious. Definitely worthy of your time!" – Visitor Review

Private Events Report

Jenny Froese | Private Events Coordinator

2022 was an amazing year of weddings and events! It was wonderful to see everyone come out to celebrate and enjoy their time at the Mennonite Heritage Village after the pandemic.

As the Private Event Coordinator, I enjoy working with people and helping them plan their event to the best of my abilities. Every year, we work on upgrading our venue halls and event equipment, and it has been wonderful seeing how

improvements have affected events in a more positive way. I try to go above and beyond, and with all the help of our staff and volunteers that are always ready to help out where and when needed, I must say that we provide a promising and memorable time for everyone. We welcome all types of events, and I am so happy that we had the opportunity to connect with people and help them create their dream events.

Amazing Summer Wedding Venue!!

We loved every second of our experience working with MHV for our wedding. Getting married in 2021 it was very hard to plan with the changing pandemic situation, but MHV was nothing but accommodating for us as we needed to change our plans multiple times to be within the public health guidelines. They answered our questions, let us tour the grounds multiple times, allowed us to rent different pieces they had on site, and they gave us the entire day before to set everything up. Its also an absolutely gorgeous venue, with such a neat historic charm. We had our ceremony by the duck pond and reception in the summer pavilion. At the time we were allowed to have 70 fully vaccinated guests at our wedding, and the summer pavilion easily accommodated for that number of people with room to spare. Also, after our original caterer fell through 2 weeks before our wedding, we contacted Chef Gil at the Livery Barn (the restaurant at MHV) and asked if he could cater. He absolutely knocked it out of the park with a 5 star meal, that our guests are still talking about how good it was! Highly recommend MHV as well as their in-house catering! – Taylor A.

Fantastic venue and service :)

Lots of beautiful buildings to use for pictures, a variety of places to choose for ceremony and reception. The food from the restaurant on site, Livery Barn was fantastic. We received so many comments on the venue and food because it was unique and lots of people never knew about it. – Elizabeth K.

MHV Auxiliary Report

Linda Schroeder | President
Frieda Loewen | Vice President
Martha Friesen | Treasurer
Mary Schmor | Secretary
Evelyn Friesen | Past President

Auxiliary meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at MHV with an average attendance of 15.

The Auxiliary has enjoyed a busy and profitable year. The largest sources of income were the waffle sales at MHV and Friday of the Summer in the City events. The crowds still seemed to enjoy the taste of those homemade waffles on the irons! The hot summer long weekend days also called for a great number of rollkuchen and watermelon sales.

Catering to small groups in the Village Center during the winter months has kept us busy. We also catered several larger events, including the Southeast Rotary Dare Luncheon, the Winter Carnival luncheon and the Perogy drive-through supper last April, and the Christmas Market luncheon.

We were excited to create an MHV version of a charcuterie board and had several orders for these custom-made gifts. The Village quilters have also continued their skilled artistry by completing commissioned works and finishing a quilt that is raffled annually. A hay rack sale was added to the Pioneer Days event with donated items selling at

great prices for the bargain shopper. The Auxiliary supports the work of the Steinbach and Area Garden Club at MHV by providing plants, seeds and supplies for the MHV gardens and grounds. Some of the fall produce was preserved and both fresh produce and canning was sold at Fall on the Farm.

The projects we supported this past year include: the Muesetoba Project for the Curatorial area, portable walls for the gallery, plaques for benches near the peace garden, workshop LED lighting and eavestrough installation, General store upgrades and Peter Barkman Summer Pavilion supplies, as well as the plants, shrubs, trees, and seeds for MHV gardens. The Auxiliary has provided the Village Gifts and Book store with unique items to sell. The aprons are still a favorite with guests as well as fabric and smaller items.

Auxiliary income for 2022

\$40,933.53

Auxiliary expenses for 2022

\$27,967.06

We wish to thank the staff and all our supporters for the continued support and encouragement we received. We look forward to another year of opportunities to promote this wonderful museum.

Auxiliary Profit and Loss 2019

Auxiliary Profit & Loss 2022		
Income		
9110 - Food taxable		21,781.55
9120 - Food catering		3,565.00
9130 - Gratuities		459.75
9140 - Gift shop sales		8,179.01
9150 - Quilting		1627.75
9160 - Donations & fundraising (receipt)		2,985.00
9170 - donations & fundraising (no receipt)		522.6
9180 - Interest earned		13.19
9190 - Misc income		1,799.68

Total Income		40,933.53
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Expenses		
9210 - Supplies - dry goods		0
9220 - supplies - groceries		6,033.64
9230 - Supplies - Kitchen		903.55
9240 - Supplies - quilting & sewing		1,726.01
9250 - Supplies - Gift shop		0
9255 - Fundraising expenses		0
9260 - Projects		15,766
9270 - Garden club		1,786.44
9280 - Bank fees		28.66
9290 - misc expenses		1,722.56

Total Expenses		27,967.06
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Mennonite Heritage Village (Canada) Inc.

2023 Budget

	Actual 2022	Budget 2023
Operating Budget		
Income		
Total 4000 · Grants	481,415	400,289
Total 4100 · Donations & Fundraising	244,644	355,784
Total 5000 · Admissions	158,688	191,010
Total 5200 · Income - Food Services	211,967	266,973
Total 5300 · Income - Sales	88,705	94,254
Total 5400 · Income - Private Events	106,757	130,905
Total 5500 · Income - Other	26,448	37,313
Total Income	1,318,624	1,476,528
Cost of Goods Sold		
Total 6400 · Food Service Expenses	202,676	233,706
Total 6500 · Retail - Gift Shop & General Store	81,937	85,379
Total 6600 · Rental Expense	66,319	67,435
Total 8400 · Fundraising Expenses	80,656	91,711
Total COGS	431,588	478,231
Gross Profit	887,036	998,297
Expense		
Total 6000 · Collections Management	160,275	190,955
Total 6200 · Program Management	172,083	186,293
Total 6700 · Marketing & Advertising	23,820	21,940
Total 7000 · Facility Management	153,417	123,485
Total 7200 · Occupancy Costs/Property Fixed	127,583	131,396
Total 8000 · Administration	274,133	282,247
Total 8200 · Office Expense	62,600	43,402
Total 8500 · Board & AGM Expenses	11,893	2,488
Total Expense	985,804	982,206
Net Ordinary Income	(98,768)	16,091

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2023 Budget cont.

	Actual 2022	Budget 2023
Capital Budget		
Funded Projects Income		
8610 · Donations for funded projects	43,741	60,000
8621 · Naming Sponsorships	0	8,000
8624 · Endowment Fund	0	2,650
8640 · Building Sustainable Communities	0	54,897
8670 · Federal Grants	0	149,600
Total 8600 · FUNDED PROJECTS - INCOME	43,741	275,147
Funded Projects Expenses		
8810 · Livery Barn Restaurant	0	18,378
8850 · Village Center	18,447	13,387
8863 · Chortitz Housebarn	0	12,500
8870 · Reimer Store	0	1,058
8880 · General Store	5,893	44,628
8901 · Yard Expenses	67,546	0
8981 · Printery	0	51,030
8982 · Winter Projects	1,730	126,443
Total 8800 · FUNDED PROJECTS - EXPENSES	93,616	267,424
Funded Projects Net Income	(49,875)	7723

Nominating Committee Report

In compliance with the General By-Laws of MHV,
the Nominating Committee issued a call for nominations in February 2023.

Board members whose terms expired this year:

Matt Wieler
Erin Unger
Carlee Friesen
Christian Peters
Sid Reimer

Resignations this year:

None

Standing for re-election:

Matt Wieler
Erin Unger
Carlee Friesen

Candidates standing for election:

Conrad Stoesz
Carlin Thiessen

Respectfully submitted:

Erin Unger
Waldemar Ens, Chair
Willie Peters
Ex Officio, Gary Dyck, Executive Director

Nominees



Erin Unger

Erin Koop Unger is the writer behind Mennotoba, a blog that deals with the true facts about Mennonite life. She has profound curiosity for cemeteries and historical sites, especially those pertaining to Mennonites. In her professional life, Erin is a Creative Writer for Golden West and Homefield Marketing, where she enjoys crafting pieces that communicate the essence of each business she writes for and

resonate with the intended audience. She lives in Steinbach with her husband Andrew (writer of The Unger Review). Together they love traveling, delving into history, and accumulating books.

Carlee Friesen

Carlee Friesen is passionate about supporting community-centered development work and enjoys investing time in local and international charities. Local to Steinbach, she is an active member of Gospel Fellowship Church. As the Director of Finance MB & SK for Mennonite Central Committee, she uses her expertise and talents to oversee the financial workings of MCC in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Carlee has volunteered on the MHV Finance Committee since 2015 and been on the board since 2020.



Matt Wieler

Matt grew up in the Altona, Manitoba with his family (Tom & Carol Wieler parents, Kristin Friesen nee Wieler) attending the South Park Mennonite Brethern Church. Matt has been living in Steinbach since 1995 and is married to Cassandra Wieler (nee Sawatzky, daughter of Wilf and Marianne Sawatzky). They have two children, Ben (12) and Alex (9). Matt currently works for Pennlite, which is a local mechanical electrical company.

Conrad Stoesz

Conrad has been the archivist at the Mennonite Heritage Archives since 1999, and is passionate about Mennonite history, archives, and related stories. He has experience working at the Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies, and is on the board of the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society and the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada. Conrad joined CMU's faculty in 2017. He earned a Bachelor of Theology from Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Winnipeg, and a Master of Arts in History from the University of Manitoba.



Carlin Thiessen

Carlin Thiessen is a local businessman, most recently with the software company RocketRez, helping the company grow globally, secure multiple rounds of fundraising, and build teams into the US and Ecuador. His experience also covers trucking and logistics, as well as the pork industry, always from a management and leadership viewpoint. After completing a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree, he attained his CPA designation in 2007. Born in Steinbach, Carlin has called southeastern Manitoba home for over 30 years. He and his wife, Melissa, live in Mitchell with two of their five kids. Proud of his Mennonite heritage, Carlin is looking forward to contributing to MHV's ongoing success.

Calendar of Events 2023

Hours of Operation:

May - September:

Monday - Saturday	9am - 5pm
(Thursdays)	9am - 8pm
Sunday	11:30am - 5pm

October - April:

Tuesday - Saturday	9am - 5pm (The Village Centre is open)
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New - Wednesday, January 18, 2023, Exhibit: Resurfacing: Mennonite Floor Patterns
Gerhard Ens Gallery

Saturday to Monday, February 18-20, 2023

Winter Carnival: Family activity days at the museum including skating, tobogganing, sleigh rides, walking trails, games, and food from 9am - 8pm.

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.

Author Reading Event in auditorium. Spend an evening listening to an author describe the journey of writing. Includes coffee and refreshments.

Saturday, Sunday, March 18, 19, 2023 @ 7:00 pm and 3:00 pm

Pier 21: A musical performance in the auditorium. Assigned tickets available at reception (204-326-9661)

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Annual General Meeting: Presentation of reports, approval of financial statements and election of board members. Open to the public.

Saturday, April 8, 2023 @ 10:00 am - 1:00pm

The Great Easter Egg Hunt: Family activity day, including finding chocolate eggs all over the museum grounds.

Monday, April 17, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.

All My Relations Guest speaker in the auditorium.

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.

All My Relations Film night in the auditorium.

Thursday, April 27, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.

Volunteer Orientation in auditorium. An informational evening for new and current volunteers.

Monday, May 1, 2023

Outdoor village and Livery Barn Restaurant open for the season.

Sunday, May 7, 2023

'The Russlaender' exhibit opening: Our new exhibit in the Gerhard Ens gallery is now open to the public.

Saturday, May 12, 2023

Spring Gala Fundraising Banquet: featuring the 'The Russlaender' exhibit preview.

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Manitoba Day celebration: Manitoba Day ceremony. Come celebrate Manitoba's 153rd birthday with us! Watch our website for more details.

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Mother's Day Lunch Buffet: Take mom out for a Mennonite feast at the Livery Barn Restaurant..

Saturday, June 10, 2023

Tractor Trek: 14th Annual MHV/Eden Foundation fundraiser for mental health and MHV.

Friday, June 16 – Sunday June 18, 2023

Summer in the City: Enjoy fresh homemade waffles at the MHV booth on Steinbach's Main Street. Get to know the history of our city and region.

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Father's Day Lunch Buffet: Take dad out for a Mennonite feast at the Livery Barn Restaurant.

Saturday, July 1, 2023

Canada Day: Canada Day opening ceremony and birthday cake. Enjoy tours, entertainment, rides, and lunch in the Livery Barn Restaurant.

July 10-14, 2023

Pioneer Day Camp for children ages 5-7

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Tourmagination 'Russlaender 100' event: Celebration of the arrival of Mennonites to Canada in 1923.

July 17-21, 2023

Pioneer Day Camp for children ages 8-10

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Heritage Classic Car Show: Classic cars, up and down the Village Main Street. Enjoy dedicated workmanship and interesting stories.

July 24-28, 2023

Pioneer Day Camp an apprentice camp for youth ages 11-14

Saturday, August 5 – Monday, August 7, 2023

Pioneer Days: Relive our Mennonite past through pioneer activities, steam powered threshing, music, and lots of good food. Our biggest event of the year!

August 14-18, 2023

Pioneer Day Camp for children ages 7-11

August 19, 2023

Peace Trek: 2nd annual MHV/Eden Foundation peer-to-peer fundraiser with cyclists and runners doing the Peace Trail.

August 21-25, 2023

Pioneer Day Camp for children ages 7-11

Monday, September 4, 2023

Fall on the Farm: Experience harvest work, hearty food, corn on the cob, music, hog butchering, and pioneer demonstrations.

Saturday, September 30, 2023

National Day For Truth and Reconciliation: A day to reflect on our relationships with Indigenous friends and neighbours.

Monday, October 2, 2023

Village grounds and Livery Barn Restaurant closed for season.

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Volunteer Appreciation: If you have volunteered at MHV this year, you are invited to attend. No formal invitations will be mailed or emailed.

Friday/Saturday, October 27-28, 2023

Quilt Show: The Auditorium will be filled with quilts from throughout the region.

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Christmas Market: Christmas market, wagon rides, hot chocolate

December 2023 – April 2024

"Mennonite Village Photography" exhibit opening: This travelling exhibit produced by the Mennonite Historic Arts Committee is now open to the public.

Saturdays in December 2023 to March 2024

Winter in the Village: experience winter in the village with sleigh rides, coloured lights in the village, hot chocolate and more. Open until 8:00pm.

December 24, 2023 – January 8, 2024

Closed for Christmas/New Year

January 2-4, 2024

Get ready for the 3rd annual Winter Day Camp for ages 6-11 years