

Finance Report for the year 2011

You will see in your program an amended report for the year 2010. When preparing the report for 2011 we found a math error for 2010. We have corrected the error and all figures are now correct.

2011 was really a very good year financially, even though we ended with a deficit of \$251. Many of the expenses were one time only expenses related to the opening of the museum. All monies from the donation box were turned over to the Town of Chesterfield to help cover expenses. We had one fundraiser (the First Annual Celebration) that was very successful.

In 2012 we have signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Chesterfield. We will now keep all monies from the donation box. We will also pay the telephone/internet bill and cover all cleaning expenses. The Town covered these expenses last year. These changes are truly to our benefit!

We have 2 major fundraisers planned so far this year. We will participate in the Street Drive in Plattsburgh on July 28th. We are sponsoring the Freedom Festival of Music in August. We need help to make these fundraisers successful!

We anticipate another excellent, busy season at the Museum. We also anticipate that the gift shop will show an even greater profit than last year!

Membership Report for 2011

Frank worked very hard throughout 2011 to increase membership. Due to his work and dedication we now have over 150 members whose dues are current. It was a great privilege and honor for me to work with Frank. He patiently taught me to use the membership computer program. We constantly worked to find new members and encourage former members to become active again. In becoming the new Membership Chairperson I have a huge pair of shoes to fill. When working on membership I always stop to ask myself "what would Frank think about this and what would he do?"

Our annual membership drive begins at the end of this month. All members (active and inactive) will receive a renewal letter. All members will be asked to fill out a new form so we will be sure to have updated addresses, emails and phone numbers. It is so important to have correct contact information. When new members join at the museum, the docents will be asked to be sure these forms are completed. When dues are received, the member will receive a hand-written thank you note with their new membership card. Our goal is to increase membership to at least 175 members. Please encourage friends and family to join. If we all work together we can reach our goal.

Sue Crowningshield
Treasurer and Membership Chairperson
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