# 2020 Annual Report

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Chippewa County Historical Society
Montevideo, Minnesota

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Board

David Lauritsen, President  Rich Huber, Vice-President
Sandy Erickson-Jeremiaso, Secretary  Dawn Sletten, Treasurer

Board of Directors
Terms expiring in April, 2021
Carol Thomton, Second District (2nd term)  Vacant, Fifth District
Jonathan Rich, At Large (part term)

Terms expiring in April, 2022
Dawn Sletten, Third District (part term)  Cindy Walter, At Large (part term)
Rich Huber, At Large (1st term)

Terms expiring in April, 2023
David Lauritsen, First District (2nd term)  Sandy Erickson, Fourth District (1st term)
Bob Ryan, At-Large Representative (1st term)

Appointments

David Lieser, County Commissioner
Darla Schmidt, City Appointment

Endowment Board

Audrey Arner - Chair, 2017 Board Appointment
David Lieser - 2018 Board Appointment

Bob Berven, April 2023 (1st term)  Marlin Schoep, April 2023 (2nd term)
Carol Westerg, April 2021 (1st term)  Scott Lynne, April 2021 (1st term)
Dixie Tilden, April 2022 (1st term)
The Annual Meeting of the Chippewa County Historical Society was the first event cancelled due to the Covid 19 outbreak. The date, venue and speaker were set when the lockdown began. In order to keep staff and members safe, the event was postponed, and then cancelled.

The Board of Directors and Officers were elected by mailed ballots. Thank you to all who returned your ballots in a timely manner. We welcomed new Board members Jonathan Rich and Robert Ryan. Officers elected were President, Dave Lauritsen; Vice President, Rich Huber; Secretary, Sandy Erickson Jeremiason; and Treasurer, Dawn Sletten.

We look forward to the time when we can safely gather again and hope you are all well.

Without a doubt the past twelve months have been challenging for many people and businesses because of the COVID virus. The historical society was no exception.....It was ‘not business as usual.’ Hopefully, the worst is past and everyone is on their way back.

Director Celeste’s report will include many of the activities and accomplishments that have occurred in the past twelve months so I won’t go there.

Instead, I want to talk about a trifecta. What is it? A simple definition in horse racing is ‘picking the top three winners in a race in the correct order of finishing.’ Another definition is ‘a run of three wins or grand events.’ This is the definition we will use.

The original Lac Qui Parle Mission, built in the late 1800’s, was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt in 1947 by the WPA and others. Today, it is still standing and in good shape and still used. The mission sits on a scenic bluff overlooking the Minnesota River and looking west to Lac qui Parle County and South Dakota. It is the first part of the historical society’s trifecta.
For the part two I want to go back in time, way back, to the early 1950’s when my family lived on a farm by Saron Church. The farm was owned by Rowland Norman. Rowland was a very active early member in the historical society. He specialized in rope making. We were the last farm in the Maynard School District and rode the bus to school each day. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to ride the bus you may have missed the greatest educational experience of your life. On our township road there were sloughs/ponds with clear, clean water on both sides teeming with all kinds of critters. Sometimes the gravel road was too soft and muddy and the bus stopped at the corner. This meant that we had to walk a half mile. I’m sure most of you have heard that story before.

My first visit to the Swenson Farm was around this time as I had cousins who lived a rifle shot from it. Even at a young age the house and the barn left an impression. What a neat place! So big! I recall playing there with other kids when the mothers from the surrounding neighborhood met there for an ice-cream social or some meeting. What stands out in my mind was a row of lilac bushes or fruit trees near the house. They are not there now. There were lots of kids. And, of course, lunch. Always on the menu was Kool Aid and cookies.

Part three of the trifecta is Historic Chippewa City. I have to salute all the volunteers and visionaries who helped create Historic Chippewa City back in the 1960’s. They had a vision, created a plan, and went to work. And were they ever successful!!! Try to imagine a bare piece of ground with nothing but trees on it. Look at it now. Imagine all the preparatory work that had to be done, trees removed, foundations prepared, and then buildings moved in. They certainly knew what they were doing. Absolutely amazing!

What now? As a historical society board, we have an ambitious goal in the forthcoming year. We want to continue to make your historical society the best it can be. With your continued support we can.

Every team or organization has an MVP award. Winners of this year’s award are the many, many volunteers who, over the last 55 years, have either helped create this treasure or kept it going. Without these folks we would not be here. Volunteers... we salute you!!

Thank You to Our Volunteers!
Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. -Francis of Assisi

“It is what it is!” could have been the motto for 2020. Just after the first of the year, in the midst of planning for Heritage Week and the Annual Banquet we were beginning to see signs of a worrisome virus that had reached our country. It became obvious by March that life was going to change drastically very soon as the first case was reported in Minnesota. Lockdowns were announced, events cancelled and work from home began. Trips to the office to use the printer, access something from the computer that wasn’t yet on my laptop, and to check on the Village and other sites happened as needed.

Without the spring events and tourism season to plan for and likely cancellation of other events including Mission Open House, Mission Sunday, Horse Power Event, and Christmas in the Village, I offered to reduce my hours. The Board declined my offer, highlighting that there was always other work for me to do. I wasn’t sure at first if there would be enough to do, but now know that I could use even more time! So many, “If only there was time” projects were added to the ‘to do’ list. There was organizing to do, grants to write, virtual workshops to take, distanced (and virtual) meetings and workshops to attend and research and special projects to work on. It seemed like a silver lining in a cloudy time.

My desk calendar became a sea of Xs marking off events and tasks that wouldn’t be happening. The Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museum Conference was moved on-line. Zoom and Google Meets became part of our regular vocabulary. Because the MALHM conference was cancelled, a group of museum professionals from Minnesota and other states began to gather once a week via Zoom to support each other through these times. This group was the inspiration for the Museum Alphabet postings on Facebook along with many other ideas to improve the work we all do. This amazing networking and support group continues to this day. Another blessing in disguise!

This less busy time gave me time to rework our Membership drive and to complete grant applications. Our caretaker came back mid-April and began to scrape, paint and do the other myriad of maintenance tasks that go on with or without a pandemic!

This would have been a perfect year to be able to take a worry free vacation but, unfortunately, there wasn’t anywhere safe to go. I did take a few days off here and there to go biking or hiking and to help our son & daughter-in-law move, with the balance of my days used at the end of the year for an extended holiday at home with my husband and video calls with our kids.
We had gotten a Montevideo Area Community Foundation grant to hold a Pioneer Day Camp and were about to cancel when a group from a local youth group called asking if they could participate. Since these kids had already all been together and would wear masks, we went ahead with the camp in August.

The time not event planning also went to writing grants and applying for forgivable loans. We received PPP and CARES Funds that helped with payroll, work from home supplies and utilities, as well as to purchase supplies to make the Village a safer place to visit.

Two grants were submitted to the Minnesota Historical Society, one for a Conditions Assessment for the Swensson Farm house and the other for a Security Assessment for the Swensson Farm Museum and Historic Chippewa City. Both were funded! The $20,000 grant will look at the structural stability of the Swensson house which is the first step in the process of determining how to proceed with the restoration of the building. The $10,000 grant will give us insight as to how to better protect our property, buildings and artifacts, both at the Swensson Farm Museum and Historic Chippewa City.

The website was also updated to be brighter and more accessible for those with visual impairments. Let me know what you think and if you have ideas for improvements!

Another upgrade happened to the Pioneer Crier newsletter. It is now published bi-monthly and we have added a recipe section, Board updates and spotlight on books in our Gift Shop. If there is something else you would like to see in the newsletter, please let us know.

The Horsepower Event was able to go on in a limited fashion with an outdoor event. Halloween Trunk or Treat was held in the movie theater parking lot. We were able to socially distance and wear masks to hand out candy to the costumed children. Memberships forms were also handed out to the adults visiting. It was a chilly day but great way to showcase the historical society!

Sadly, there was no Christmas in the Village, but our Bakeless Bake Sale was a success, thanks to you, our generous members.

All in all, not a bad year after all!
Thank you to each of these members we have lost this year. Your years of service, dedication and friendship will be missed. Rest in love. Our condolences to their families and friends.

May fond memories exceed your sorrow.
2021 Calendar of Events

January
1st ~ New Year’s Day Observed – Office Closed
12th ~ Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
18th ~ Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Office Closed

February
9th ~ Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
15th ~ Presidents’ Day – Office Closed

March
9th ~ Board of Directors Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
26th ~ MN Valley Draft Horse Association Annual Membership Meeting – Granite Falls
TBD ~ Annual Meeting – postponed

April
5th – 23rd ~ Clean Up Days at Historic Chippewa City
13th ~ Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
24th ~ Clean Up Day at Lac qui Parle Mission – 10:00 a.m.
25th ~ Lac qui Parle Mission Open House – 1-3 p.m.

May
3rd – 7th ~ Heritage Week—cancelled
11th ~ Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
22nd ~ Historic Chippewa City Opens for the Season – 1-5 p.m.
22nd ~ Swensson Farm Museum Opens for the Season – 1-5 p.m.
31st ~ Memorial Day – Office Closed

June
8th ~ Board of Directors Meeting – LQP Mission – 5:00 p.m.

July
4th ~ Independence Day – Office Closed

July (continued)
4th ~ Historic Chippewa City Open 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
8th ~ Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
13th ~ Mission Sunday – 10:30 a.m.

August
10th ~ Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 p.m.

September
5th ~ Swensson Farm, Last Day Open, 1-5 p.m.
6th ~ Labor Day – Office Closed
6th ~ Historic Chippewa City Open 1-5 p.m.
6th ~ Lac qui Parle Mission Closes for the Season
11th ~ Horse Power Event – 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
14th ~ Board of Directors Meeting – Swensson Farm Museum – 5:00 p.m.
30th ~ Historic Chippewa City Closes for the Season

October
11th ~ Columbus Day – Office Closed
2nd ~ Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
TBD ~ Haunted Village
TBD ~ Enchanted Evening- Swensson Farm
29th ~ Trunk or Treat

November
9th ~ Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
11th ~ Veteran’s Day Observed – Office Closed
25th ~ Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed

December
4th ~ Christmas in the Village – 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
14th ~ Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
24th ~ Christmas Eve Observed – Office Closes at Noon
25th ~ Christmas Day – Office Closed
31st ~ New Year’s Eve Observed – Office Closes Noon
WORK PLAN 2021

Historic Chippewa City –

Post Office – repair soft ramp board #22, apply wood protector annually to ALL Log cabins
Power wash ramps to remove slippery moss buildup (esp. School House, Ness House)-reapply non-slip texture
Gateway – Scrape and paint all; prime & paint new siding
Church – Fix posts, paint & replace sign, replace Plexiglas, finish painting peaks on north side
  Screen on top of furnace exhaust (bird barrier), Repair furnace
School House – repair bell tower rot & paint
Blacksmith - scrape & paint all; touch up sign trim
Barber Shop – scrape and paint posts, front and sides; power wash back
Ness House – scrape and paint peaks and upper parts & trim; continue treatment for wood borers
Large sign by School repainted – Historic Chippewa City – a pioneer village
Trim trees to allow for sunlight and air circulation to deter moss growth
Continued critter control esp. groundhogs
Print Shop back peak second section and trim in front – scrape & paint
Fire Hall - scrape & paint all
Law Office - scrape & paint back and sides
Ice House – touch up back and sides; repaint sign; front trim, sides & front
Buggy Shop – scrape and paint N, E, and W sides; fix SW corner – ask Lee Hagemeyer?
Bank – Scrape and paint sides east (back)
General Store – remove moss from back, scrape and paint front & west, NE trim sides and back; sign trim
Harness Shop – scrape and paint as needed
Ag Building – scrape & Paint E & W sides; touch up rest as needed, grade down high spot under sliding door
Anderson Cabin – boracare holes on SE side & cover with screen; treat lower logs
Dr. Burns – Re-shingle west side
Village Hall – add gutters and replace bottom rotted panels, paint inside ceiling in spots; paint & scrape front;
  paint letters
Trading Post – Fix porch trip hazards; paint touch up; scrape & paint E & W sides
Dr. Burns- scrape & paint bottom board
Outhouse/Woodshed – scrape & paint
Church Museum - scrape & paint all
Gazebo – ADA accessible ramp; scrape and paint steps and handrails
New gate for staff entrance

Swensson Farm –

Continue to remove diseased trees – priority to ones near buildings
Begin restoration assessment and draw up work plan for House
Add handle to Women’s outhouse door
Inventory, catalog and clean machinery in Moehring Building – label those not labelled
Sell old belly mower and Cadillac (and other tractors and equipment deemed excess & not related to site)
Clean grove – sell some scrap metal; bring equipment out of weeds; open trees to pond
Fix gate wheel; paint front gates

Lac qui Parle Mission – (MNHS approval required for all projects)

Scrape and paint entry steps
Paint interior
Make closed shutters more secure
Remove buckthorn from hillside east of Mission
Historic Chippewa City

Even though no public events were held, there was plenty of activity at Historic Chippewa City!

We started with our usual spring cleaning to take down and put away holiday decorations. Work began on our routine maintenance of buildings and the grounds. The fire extinguishers furnished by an Endowment Grant were installed, along with signs to indicate where the units are in each building. Because of their destructive behavior, the wood chucks have been eradicated, for now. Paint was sorted, inventoried and organized. Felt was put on the desks in the School House to make them easier to move.

Buildings that were worked on this year include; Millinery Shop scraped and painted, sprayed lower logs on cabins with wood protector, woodchuck and gopher holes filled, Ness House painted and treated for wood borers inside, steps and ramps painted with non-slip texture, Gazebo floor painted, and back and sides of Bank and General Store scraped and partially painted. This is in addition to sweeping, cleaning, weed whipping, equipment maintenance, picking up sticks and many other routine tasks. Since buildings didn’t need to be opened and relocked every day, that add much more time for the caretaker, Heather Kolstad, to do other work.

For the last couple of years, we had noticed some of the lower siding boards on the southwest corner of the Gateway Building were bowing out. We finally pulled them off to find soft sheathing behind it. We hired Heiling Construction to repair and replace the rotting wood and they discovered some of the floor joists were also rotted. Thankfully they were able to replace the joists so the building is in good shape. The cause of the deteriorations was determined to be water leaking down the wall from ice jams. The roof was re-shingled with ice and water barrier placed underneath. Gutters were added to the front as well. Heat tape will also be installed to keep any further water leaking and damage from occurring. We are most grateful to the fund set up by Willie Skreberg years ago that funded this vital project.

City crews came and trimmed the tree branches that were keeping the sun from reaching the east boardwalk. This left the area feeling so much more open and will allow the shingles to last longer with better air circulation.

Pioneer Day Camp was held in August for a local youth club. They made dipped candles, designed log cabins, made biscuits and jam, played pioneer games like jump rope, tops and marbles, had a one room school lesson and worked on potholder looms or cornhusk dolls. It was a great dry run for our first time for this event and the kids all had a great time learning more about the life of pioneers!
Another task there was finally time for was taking apart the World War I display in the Visitors Information center. It was one of the first projects I had worked on with June when I started as her assistant in 2017, so it was bittersweet taking it apart. All of the items were then photographed, numbered, if they hadn’t been, and added into our Collective Access system which took about a week to do. You can see some of the artifacts in our collections by going to www.mncollections.org. You can filter by ‘Contributing Organization’ and chose Chippewa County Historical Society to see what has been listed so far. As time goes on we hope to add many more items to the site. If you would like to volunteer to help with this project. Let us know!

Artifacts have continued to come in over the last year. Some of the more interesting are a large metal Dunn Hotel sign, wooden skis used by Dr. Bacon for visiting patients at home in the winter, original street light shades from downtown Montevideo, an anvil and forge, and a Montevideo Bottling Works wooden crate. We were unable to have volunteers come in to work on archiving projects but look forward to progressing on preserving our history in the coming year.

Swensson Farm Museum

One of the joys of this last year was the ability to get out and spend time on the farm. Mark Suter cut down several dying trees and I was out there to help him when I could. The Grist Mill site was cleared of weeds & vines and dead and dying trees were removed, with the help of family and friends. One, who has an archeology background, was able to help me with a basic cataloguing of the artifacts exposed and to secure them safely. Once trees were cut down, they needed to be cut up and disposed of. On calm days we were able to have burn piles and got rid of not only huge piles of branches, but also the rotted old wood picnic tables. I was also able to meet with Arnold Zempel and inventory the equipment and implements hiding out in the grove.

Spring planting took place at the Swensson Farm with no certainty that an event would even happen. Fortunately, we were able to have an outdoor Horse Power Event. We took a free will offering, had outside vendors, a food truck, Gift Shop and rope making in the barn. Wagon rides and a variety of horse demos were popular. Kids were able to try washing clothes, pick a pumpkin to take home and fill a bag with potatoes. It was a lovely day and everyone seemed to enjoying getting out in the fresh fall air.

There were some pumpkins, potatoes and corn left after the event so we set up at the Montevideo Farmers Market which in some additional sales. We handed out a few membership forms too!

All the trees taken down and previous trees that had fallen left more than a dozen stumps on the ground. Those were ground down by Paul Enevoldsen in the fall. Having them gone will make mowing easier and lessen the chance of causing damage to our precious mower.

It will be exciting to get started on the restoration process and improve security with the grants received from MNHS.
With all Minnesota Historical Society sites closed due to the pandemic, there wasn’t as much to do at the Mission this year. We did the normal cleaning in the spring and fall. Site visits were made every few weeks to make sure there was not too heavy of a snow load and to access that everything was secure. There was a tree down across one of the upper cabin sites and we were lucky to have it removed by the DNR, thanks to Terri Dinesen. Earlier this winter another small tree went down across the upper path. We will take care of that soon.

Visitors

As you can well imagine, we did not have many visitors this year, and those few that came in were mostly locals. We did have a couple from Australia stop in in January! We also had a gentleman from Indiana in February, and a couple from Utah in March. There were others that stopped for brochures or information, but we did not have the guest register out for them to sign for safety reasons. Staff would retrieve the needed brochures and give them to visitors waiting on the front porch. Thankfully everyone was very understanding and cooperative of the situation. They all said they looked forward to coming back when we are open again!
I want to start begin by thanking all the other Endowment Board members for their energies and willingness to serve: Marlin Schoep (our treasurer), Bob Berven, Dave Lieser, Carol Westberg, Dixie Tilden and Scott Lynne.

In 2020, during the great pandemic, we met only once in person, masked and spaced out in the gazebo to continue to advance our mission to provide future income to support the Chippewa County Historical Society and to help maintain its projects and properties. We have a protocol that includes an application for use of endowment funds which is how requests are to be made. As any of the society’s members or even non-members consider giving to the endowment, please remember that any contribution of $10,000 or greater is entitled to create a new fund within the endowment named for a family or organization. It is a good long-term investment.

We met in March and in September of 2020. After much beneficial discussion about the merits of electricity over petroleum, how to maintain and shelter it, we considered and will fund a refurbished golf cart with box for use around the Village and conceivably at Swensson Farm.

In 2020 there was no Annual Banquet drawing for an elegant dinner for four at the Olof Swensson Farm Museum. It is our intention to continue this tradition when the pandemic passes.

Let me extend a reminder to all the society’s members that the endowment board entertains ideas for new project support through an application process and we will consider proposals from within the Society for potential funding in 2021. We are not under any obligation to spend the interest generated from our investments, but we will certainly consider allocation support for special projects outside of the Society’s regular budget which will advance our mission.

We are patient.

Respectfully submitted, Audrey Arner Endowment Board Chair
Planned Giving

As mentioned in the Historic Chippewa City report, we were able to facilitate repairs to the Gateway/Office building thanks to the fund set up many years ago for just this purpose. Wille Skreberg had the foresight to know that sometimes unexpected major expenses come up. The water damage to the office building was just such an event. Willie’s legacy has helped save our office building and the archives located within!

A named fund can be dedicated to whichever purpose is closest to your heart. Contact a Board member to learn more. If you would like to set up an Endowment Fund you can contact a member of the Endowment Board.

Thank you!
Endowment Donations

**General Endowment** - John and Miriam Schultz, Jeannette Youngren

**Tilden Endowment** - Dixie Tilden, Kelly Knudson

**Donations**

**Heritage Week** - Knights of Columbus

**General Fund** - Robert Berge, Ron & Carol Thomton, Julius Ost, Brad Moseng, Adela Fuls, Jim & LeeAnn Vanderpol, Diane Borgendale, Leann Miller, Chris & Dave Jerve, Jackie Lindvall, James Olson, Kelly & Julie Aalfs, Pat Burns, Robert Berge, Phil & Karen Suter, Maggie Fuller, Jean Menden, Joanne Mader, Peg Furshong, Allison Hanson Hutchens, Dorothy Anderson, Paul Ostlie, Judi Bohm

**Swensson Farm Museum Fund** - Barb Oleson, Sarah Norman

**Penny Fund** - Glen & Jackie Herfurth, Paul & Barb Benson, Cathy Kay, Cheryl & Phillip Schmeig, DeVon Vien, Steve Birkey, Carol Westberg, Ralph & Ada Hunstad, Rio Kittelson, Noreen Erickson

**Pioneer Day Camp** - Ralph & Ada Hunstad

**Village Maintenance Fund**—Dr. Nick & Donna Krueger, Dr. Luther & Connie Heller, Charles & Margot Shellenbarger, Anonymous

**Memorials** - Virginia Homme in memory of Jo Pederson

Julius Ost, Richard Handeen & Audrey Arner, Bob & Diane Berven, Ann Thompson in memory of Billy Thompson

Richard & Carol Maursetter, Gayle & Rollie Olson, Phyllis Hauck, Roger Strand, Thomas & Gwen Morem, Verdie & Adeline Aamot family, Kay Kessler, Charlotte Strand, Carol Boekker, Kathleen Speggen, Wanda Rose Kittleson Driver, Karen Ackerman, Robert Geary in memory of Susan Strand

Ron & Carol Thomton in memory of Roger Guennigsmann

Bob & Diane Berven in memory of Arlo Tostenson, Jane Jerve and Les Kittelson

Vernon & Joyce Youngren in memory of Jeannette Youngren

Scott Norman and Family in memory of Gertie and David Norman
# Chippewa County Historical Society Income 2020

## Ordinary Income/Expense

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## Chippewa County Historical Society Expenses 2020

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**Total Operations**

- **18,000.35**

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### Total Expense

- **123,351.39**

### Net Ordinary Income

- **-2,761.02**
Adopt - A - Building Sponsors

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You or your organization can Adopt any of the following AVAILABLE! Buildings; Ag Building, School House, Buggy Shop, Village Hall, or the Church Museum. Call to secure ‘your’ building today!

Who is eligible to Adopt a Building at Historic Chippewa City?

Chippewa County Historical Society Individual or Business members; Organizations and civic groups; other interested individuals.

Why Adopt a Building?

To help support the mission of the Chippewa County Historical Society. But really it's to have fun cleaning and changing out displays to best represent your building and it's place in our history. Decorating for Christmas in the Village is magical. Follow the theme for the year or do your own thing! Sponsoring a building takes some time off of the Historical Society’s staffs' schedules and allows them to work on other projects.

What does a building Adopter have to do?

Adopt-a-Building participants will clean their adopted building during cleanup week each April prior to Heritage Week and Opening Day, help host and find volunteers to staff the adopted building during the following Chippewa County Historical Society events (if/as necessary): Heritage Week, Christmas in the Village, and future programs established by the Board of Directors; assisting with fund-raising to acquire the necessary funds for the major maintenance needs of their adopted building, i.e. roof replacement/repair, painting; assisting with needed repairs as necessary and as available; assist in changing displays in the adopted building periodically, with the permission of the Executive Director.

What will the Chippewa County Historical Society do for Adopters?

Signs will be placed in the adopted building showing the individual’s/organization’s commitment to the Adopt-a-Building program; Press releases will be sent to the appropriate news agencies and in the Pioneer Crier that show the individual’s/organization’s commitment to the Adopt-a-Building program; Staff will work with the individual/organization on fund-raising requests and will bring such requests to the Board of Directors for consideration.
Membership

Business Members

**Platinum Business Membership**
Keith Hein, CLU
Minnwest Bank Montevideo
Minnesota Valley Cooperative

**Gold Business Membership**
Old National Bank
Montevideo Family Dentistry

**Silver Business Membership**
Grandstay Montevideo
Dooley's Petroleum
R & R Bakery
Farmers Union Oil Co.
Chandler Industries
Rekow Management Company

**Bronze Business Membership**
Stermer & Sellner, LLC
Budger's Dinner House
Ace Hardware
JSB Design Works
Tostenson, Inc.
Co-op Credit Union
Minnwest Insurance

**Benefactor Membership**
Jeff & Kate Fitzkappes
Dr. Luther & Connie Heller
Glen & Jackie Herfurth
Mary & Joe Keller
Lamore & Pauline Kittelson
Larry & Alicia Kittelson
Steve & Karen Kling
Lance & Dee Knoshal
Arlen Kvanli
Larry Larson
David & Juanita Lauritsen
Dr. Frederick & Catherine Lauritsen
Marv & Jane Link
Krystal Lynne
Olaf Minge
Dr. Kevin & Jane Myhre
Peter & Julie Neyhart
Bill & Connie Pauling
Harold & Sharon Petersen
Peter Rekow
Robert Ryan
James & Sherron Thein
Dixie Tilden
Marvin & Shirley Timmons
Gene & Linda VanBinsbergen
Del & Shirley Wehrspann
Keith & Kay Zempel
Dr. James and Sonja Zenk
Byron & Shirley Zurn

Thank you members! Feel free to print the membership form at the end of this report to give to family, friends and businesses. Membership funds help to support our mission to preserve our county history and keep it alive!
Contributing Membership
Dave & Karen Lieser
Ron & JoAnn Molde
Julius Ost
Herbert Okogyeamon & Denise Perkins
Keith & Vicki Poier
Carol Westberg

Sustaining Membership
Christine Andreas
Michael and Sharon Arends
Pamela and David Arneson
Richard Handeen and Audrey Arner
Lois Baker
MaryAnn & Donald Bennett
Paul & Barbara Benson
Tim and Merrie Bertrand
Dr. Tom Birkey and Doris Thompson
Sherri Mortenson Brown
Clara City Herald
Gregg & Mary Nell French
JoAnn Grote
Philip & Sandy Gustafson
Solveig Halbakken
Lowell and Georgia Hanson
Sally Haugen
Bill & Barb Homan
Rich & Jeannie Huber
Kerry & Mark Jasperson
Shirley Kalmoe
Kent, Kim & Jim Kanten
Barb and Dwayne Knutsen
Dr. Nick & Donna Krueger
Jim & Gaynelle Lee
Dale and Dr. Carol Lietzau
Wally and Sharon Lutz
David & Karen Minge
Jean Moe
Mary & Patrick Moore
Robert & Sigrid Olson
Tom Payne
Dick and Nancy Ryman
William and Nancy Schuller
John R. Schulz
Galen & Beth Slater
Dawn & David Sletten
David and Judy Stendahl
Rick Stermer and Ellen Moore
John and Kathy Swenson
DeVon and Lois Vien
Lois C. Willand
Chip and Jan Worsech
Jeanette Youngren

Family Membership
Lowell & Barb Anderson
Kris & Barry Bahl
Robert & Janet Barwick
Bob & Diane Berven
Harvey Blackstad
Marv and Judy Boike
Family Membership (continued)

Harry & Fran Bruns
Dr. Kurt & Kathryn Carlson
Gerry & Jane Connell
Dave & Pat Craigmile
Paul & Rosalie Dehli
Lois Doring
Maurice Erickson
Sandy Lynn Erickson
Jim & Jan Flaherty
Stanley & Marilyn Freese
Maggie Fuller
Rachel and Rolynn Garbe
Dave and Liz Gilbertson
John & Linda Givan
Lee & Linda Haff
Lee & Carin Hagemeyer
Lynn & Cynthia Hagen
Jane Hauger
Linda Haugen
Kevin Hein
Kurt & Lori Hoehne
Deron & Shannon Homan
Todd & Toni Homan
Ralph & Ada Hunstad
Carolyn & Leroy Jans
Allan & Nancy Johnsrud
Vern & Jan Jordahl
Floyd & Waunita Kanten
Bob and Sue Kempe
Rudell Kittelson
Dale and Kathy Knoshal
Kenneth & Emma Koenen
Polly & Mary Sue Kruger
Brenda & Trisha Lien
Ralph & Barbara Lunde
Dr. Brett & Patty Opdahl
Amy Rager
Franz Allbert Richter
Bob & Judy Ronning
Paul & Paula Sachariason
Marlin & JoAnn Schoep
Dave & Dorothy Schultz
John & Kathryn Skoglund
Dave & Cindy Smiglewski
Mark & Celeste Suter
Corrie & Kathleen Swenson
Gerald & Lynette Swenson
Wayne & Kathy Thalberg
Tim & Carmel Thein
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Membership (continued)

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Collette Powers
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Pat Roberts
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Jean Schultz
Chuck Shellenbarger
Clean Sites, LLC - Dustin Shourds
Robert A. and Carol Skogrand
Maxine Slettum
Yvonne Smith
Doug Spray
LaVonne K. Stegeman
Allard Stevens
Susan Strand
Harold Swanson
Dallas Thompson
Kathy Toft
James Wollan

Lifetime Memberships

Sharon Alton
Carol Anderson
Kathy Beito
Steve Bennett
Connie DeVries
Elroy & Ardis Dragsten
Shirley Formo
Adela Fuls
Joan Groothuis

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Paul Handeen
Kathy Jo Haugan
Deanna Hodge
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Dale & Sonja Norman
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Paul Ostlie
Wayne Ostlie
Doug Oxenreider
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Diane Shimp
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Ronald Siverhus
Evelyn Sorenson
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Paul Wallien
John & Betty Wanke
Arnold & Carolyn Zempel

Membership information is current as of December 31, 2020
CHIPPEWA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

INDIVIDUAL 2021-22 MEMBERSHIP FORM

AN INVESTMENT IN OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE!

2021-22 CCHS Annual Membership Benefits

Individual ..................... $20.00 Unlimited Visits to Historic Chippewa City and Swensson Farm for 2 Adults, Bi-monthly Newsletter, 10% Gift Shop Discount, Check out Privileges at the Interpretive Library, Free Admission to Christmas in the Village for 2 Adults
Family ...................... $30.00 All of the Individual benefits + Unlimited Visits to Historic Chippewa City and Swensson Farm for 2 Children + Free Admission to Christmas in the Village for 2 Children
Sustaining .................... $50.00 All of the Family benefits + 1 guest pass
Contributing .................. $75.00 All of the Family benefits + 1 guest pass, 15% Gift Shop Discount
Benefactor ..................... $100.00 All of the Contributing benefits + 1 additional guest pass

Benefits begin now and continue until your renewal month in 2022.

Chippewa County Historical Society N.

Name ________________________________________________
Address ________________________________________________
______________________________________________
Telephone ____________________________________________
Email ________________________________________________
Referred By___________________________________________

Membership Level:

☐ Individual $20    ☐ Family $30    ☐ Sustainer $50
☐ Contributor $75  ☐ Benefactor $100

Additional donation $ ___________

Mail to: Chippewa County Historical Society,
P.O. Box 303 Montevideo, MN 56265

Thank you for your membership with the Chippewa County Historical Society which will help our preservation efforts.

(320)269-7636 chippewahistory@outlook.com www.chippewacohistory.org

Let’s Make History Together!
CHIPPEWA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BUSINESS 2021-22 MEMBERSHIP FORM

AN INVESTMENT IN OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE!

2021-22 CCHS Annual Membership Benefits

Bronze Membership............................... $75.00 Unlimited Visits to Historic Chippewa City and Swensson Farm for 2 Adults & 2 Children + 1 guest pass, Bi-monthly Newsletter, 15% Gift Shop Discount, Check out Privileges at the Interpretive Library, Free Admission to Christmas in the Village for 2 Adults & 2 Children

Silver Membership .............................. $100.00 All of the Bronze level benefits + 1 additional guest pass

Gold Membership ............................... $150.00 All of the Bronze level benefits + 2 additional guest passes

Platinum Membership........................... $250.00 All of the Bronze level benefits + 3 additional guest passes

Business Memberships are Non-voting.
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