



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

“Rooted in the past,
growing in the future.”



Groundbreaking ceremony for the Cokato Library and Museum. The building grand opening was held September 12, 1976. Happy 40th “L/M Bldg”, as we call it.

The Cokato Historical Society is committed to actively collect, preserve, and interpret the history of Cokato and the surrounding area, in the community and beyond, to present programs to an audience of all ages, and maintain ties with our ethnic heritage, which is predominantly Swedish and Finnish.



2016 IN REVIEW

April 25, 2017

The Cokato Historical Society and Museum had an amazing 2016. There were new challenges mixed in amongst our on-going activities such as cataloguing the many donations to the museum, assisting researchers, conducting tours, giving presentations to various groups. Below is a list of just some of our accomplishments that made 2016 another worthwhile year:

- Hosted the 16th Annual New Year's Open House & Melting Tin Demonstration. Turnout was again fantastic and we look forward to our 17th annual on Sunday, January 7, 2018.
- We were honored to have Minnesota Public Radio do a story on the Akerlund Studio and its impact on the community. Several people took part in the feature, which generated tremendous publicity. While here MPR also did an interview about another fun project we tried:
- Instead of doing a winter display, we installed a museum version of an Escape Room, where people solve a series of puzzles and clues to "escape" from the gallery. It was so well-received we did another one in 2017. A large number of people who participated had never been to the museum before, which was an added bonus.
- Held our fourth Happy Birthday Cokato celebration, marking 138 years since Cokato Village's official incorporation.
- Took part in the annual Cokato-Dassel Business Expo, where nearly 300 people visited our booth and appreciated what we had to share.
- Enjoyed a presentation by author Rhonda Fochs on her book, *Minnesota's Lost Towns: Central Edition*.
- Held our Annual Memorial Day Open House to coincide with scheduled community festivities.
- Our summer display was *Trains That Passed in the Night: The Railroad Photographs of O. Winston Link*. This acclaimed national traveling exhibition came from the Center for Railroad Photography & Art in Madison, Wisconsin. Its appearance in Cokato was funded in part by the Central Minnesota Arts Board, the BNSF Foundation, and private donations. It also brought to us many new visitors, who enjoyed their time here.
- Despite the inclement weather, we had another good year for the 66th Annual Corn Carnival.
- Announced the completion of a ten-year project to scan and digitize the negative collection from the Gust Akerlund studio. It was an effort that we are quite proud of and hope will protect the image in the collection for years to come.

Included with all these activities were our on-going efforts to engage with a variety of audiences through many efforts such as: publishing our quarterly newsletters, working on installing a third and fourth video display monitor in the gallery, and even small efforts like having rotating scavenger hunts for children (and adults) who visit. It is not enough to just open the doors every day and say "welcome". We must keep our audiences involved and interested in what we are accomplishing.

As has been said countless times in previous reports, but like a good cast is worth repeating, we remain thankful for the ongoing financial support of the city council, maintaining the partnership that has worked so well for well over three decades. The staff of the museum also, as always, looks forward to another year working with our supporters to help keep the museum an integral part of the greater Cokato community.

Sincerely,

The Cokato Historical Society Board of Trustees

The Staff of the Cokato Museum

Revenue - FY 2016	Budget	Year To Date	Balance	% Received	2017 Budget
Membership					
600 Individual	\$ 800.00	\$ 590.00	\$ (210.00)	73.75%	\$ 700.00
601 Family	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 835.00	\$ (165.00)	83.50%	\$ 1,000.00
602 Business	\$ 300.00	\$ 225.00	\$ (75.00)	75.00%	\$ 300.00
603 Suporter	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 100.00	108.33%	\$ 1,300.00
604 Benefactor	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ (100.00)	94.12%	\$ 1,700.00
Interest					
600 NOW Acct.	\$ 10.00	\$ 16.26	\$ 6.26	162.60%	\$ 15.00
601 Investments	\$ 650.00	\$ 893.51	\$ 243.51	137.46%	\$ 700.00
Donations					
600 Box	\$ 560.00	\$ 974.00	\$ 414.00	173.93%	\$ 600.00
601 Individual	\$ 800.00	\$ 3,679.28	\$ 2,779.28	459.91%	\$ 800.00
623 Tours		\$ -	\$ -		
625 Community Chest	\$ 300.00	\$ 275.00	\$ (25.00)	91.67%	\$ 300.00
Research					
600 Photo reproduction	\$ 100.00	\$ 59.00	\$ (41.00)	59.00%	\$ 100.00
700 Microfilm/copies	\$ 500.00	\$ 536.00	\$ 36.00	107.20%	\$ 500.00
Fundraisers					
600 Raffles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
700 General	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ (50.00)	0.00%	\$ 50.00
800 Gift Shop	\$ 150.00	\$ 140.00	\$ (10.00)	93.33%	\$ 150.00
900 Studio Use	\$ -	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00		\$ -
905 2014 Calendar					
SUBTOTALS	\$ 8,120.00	\$ 11,193.05	\$ 2,973.05	137.85%	\$ 8,215.00
Building Fund		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		
Reimbursements		\$ 1,806.19			
Endowment		\$ -	\$ -		
Grants		\$ 9,400.00	\$ 9,400.00		
MEMORIALS					
600 Designated	\$ 200.00	\$ 45.00	\$ (155.00)		\$ 200.00
700 Undesignated	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 865.00		\$ 500.00
Special Gifts Fund		\$ -			
Snowmobile Fund		\$ -			
Akerlund Studio Fund		\$ 50.00			
PUBLICATIONS					
<i>A Can of Cream</i>		\$ 42.00			
<i>Firefighters to the Rescue</i>		\$ 20.00			
<i>Cokato Canneries</i>		\$ 34.00			
<i>Cokato's First Century</i>	\$ 180.00	\$ 220.00			\$ 180.00
INTEREST (not cash-in-hand)					
Fidelity Fund	\$ 800.00	\$ 712.53	\$ (87.47)	89.07%	\$ 750.00
CD's	\$ 600.00	\$ 490.87	\$ (9.13)	81.81%	\$ 600.00
Stock Dividends/E-Trade	\$ 600.00	\$ 670.58	\$ 70.58	111.76%	\$ 600.00
TOTALS	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 26,149.22	\$ 15,149.22	237.72%	\$ 11,045.00

Expenditures - FY 2016	Budget	Year-To-Date	Balance	% Expended	2017 Budget
Administration					
200 Office supplies	1,100.00	\$ 1,458.33	\$ (358.33)	132.58%	1,100.00
202 Printing	900.00	\$ 857.99	\$ 42.01	95.33%	900.00
210 Hospitality	250.00	\$ 273.95	\$ 26.05	109.58%	250.00
319 Professional services	500.00	\$ 850.06	\$ (350.06)	170.01%	500.00
320 Insurance	1,100.00	\$ 1,146.00	\$ (46.00)	104.18%	1,100.00
321 Telephone	1,500.00	\$ 1,616.80	\$ (116.80)	107.79%	1,500.00
322 Postage	600.00	\$ 577.85	\$ 22.15	96.31%	600.00
331 Travel, conf., schools	200.00	\$ 211.40	\$ (11.40)	105.70%	200.00
435 Memberships & dues	400.00	\$ 459.00	\$ (59.00)	114.75%	400.00
440 Internet chargers	420.00	\$ 684.04	\$ (254.04)	162.87%	420.00
Publicity					
341 Advertising	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,496.10	\$ 3.90	99.74%	\$ 1,500.00
Volunteer Program					
210 Operating supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.56	\$ (0.56)	100.56%	\$ 100.00
Collections/Preservation					
218 Catalog/storage supplies	\$ 400.00	\$ 536.61	\$ (106.61)	134.15%	\$ 400.00
Temporary Exhibits					
203 Photo reproduction	\$ 300.00	\$ 228.35	\$ 71.65	76.12%	\$ 300.00
210 Exhibit supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 181.92	\$ (81.92)	181.92%	\$ 100.00
319 Other prof. services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Permanent Exhibits					
203 Photo reproduction	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	0.00%	\$ 100.00
229 Exhibit supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 569.94	\$ (369.94)	284.97%	\$ 200.00
319 Other prof. services	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ (10.00)		\$ -
Research & Education					
210 Operating supplies	\$ 50.00	\$ 49.98	\$ 0.02	99.96%	\$ 50.00
308 Honorariums	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00	75.00%	\$ 200.00
435 Books, maps, publications	\$ 150.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 122.00	18.67%	\$ 150.00
Gift Shop					
250 Resale merchandise	\$ 50.00	\$ 219.85	\$ (169.85)	439.70%	\$ 50.00
Fundraising					
250 Photo reproduction/supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Building & Landscaping					
211 Cleaning supplies	\$ 125.00	\$ 95.64	\$ 4.36	76.51%	\$ 125.00
225 Landscaping materials	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	0.00%	\$ 50.00
240 Small tools	\$ 100.00	\$ 71.01	\$ 18.99	71.01%	\$ 100.00
SUBTOTALS	\$ 10,395.00	\$ 11,873.38	\$ (1,423.38)	114.22%	\$ 10,395.00
Capitol Equipment	\$ -	\$ 5,171.03			\$ -
Special Projects	\$ -	\$ 1,517.49			\$ -
Akerlund Studio	\$ 150.00	\$ -			\$ 150.00
Snowmobile	\$ 200.00	\$ -			\$ 200.00
Model T	\$ 200.00	\$ -			\$ 200.00
Grants		\$ 9,899.90			
Transfers					
Petty Cash		\$ -			
TOTALS	\$ 10,945.00	\$ 28,461.80	\$ (17,461.80)	260.04%	\$ 10,945.00

COKATO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET

Fiscal year Ending -- 31 December 2016

CASH & EQUIVALENT BALANCES

CD#2201195 (KB) 1 yr. @ 0.60; Matures July 12, 2017 (Bldg Fund)	61,488.37
CD#25919 (FNB) 1 yr. @ 0.50%; Matures Nov. 19, 2017	40,634.88
Fidelity Investments Fund	40,712.73
Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	31,084.65
Vanguard S&P 500 Index Fund- Building Fund	47,057.06
T. Rowe Price Investment Fund - Building Fund	21,858.23
Medtronic Stock - Building Fund	7,123.00
Medtronic Stock - Undesignated	17,807.50
Intel Corp. Stock - Undesignated	3,627.00
E-Trade Cash Account	176.51
Checking Account	17,664.57
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$289,234.50</u></u>

FUND BALANCES

PERMANENT FUNDS

Endowment	29,500.00	
Building Expansion - Fixed Assets	41,451.00	
Building Expansion - Investments	137,526.66	<u>208,477.66</u>

LONG-TERM FUNDS

Memorial - Undesignated	14,829.00	
Stocks - Undesignated	21,611.01	
Snowmobile Fund	3,357.82	
Akerlund Studio Fund	1,228.87	
Akerlund Model T Fund	4,709.33	
125th Anniversary Book Sales Proceeds	4,340.00	
Young Estate Bequest	5,105.00	
Bruce Peterson Memorial	6,665.00	
Leuthold Foundation Fund	209.00	
Model T Trailer	243.46	<u>62,298.49</u>

SHORT-TERM FUNDS

Office Equipment	1,218.00	
Research Resources & Materials	2,000.00	
Educ. Outreach (programs & traveling displays)	2,000.00	
Exhibits & Publications	2,000.00	
Smith Lake Marker	220.00	
Player Piano Restoration	1,500.00	
Akerlund Negative Scanning	200.00	
Lighting Consultant	7,680.00	
General Operating 0.57%	1,640.35	<u>18,458.35</u>

TOTAL FUND BALANCES \$289,234.50

MUSEUM ATTENDANCE REPORT

Category	2015	2017	Difference
Cokato	579	572	(7)
Minnesota	530	535	5
National	407	448	41
International	39	50	11
Tours	510	430	(80)
Special Events	1760	1865	105
TOTALS	3825	3900	75

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Category	2015	2016	Difference
Individual	53	57	4
Family	50	48	(2)
Business	12	11	(1)
Supporter	21	27	6
Benefactor	18	16	(2)
TOTALS	154	159	5

RESEARCH/INFORMATION REQUESTS SUMMARY

	2015	2016	Difference
Walk - In	85	90	5
E-mail	85	80	(5)
Phone	35	30	(5)
Mail	1	2	1
Totals	206	202	(4)