



**Charlevoix Historical Society  
Mid-Year Report: State of the Society  
Annual Meeting  
July 12, 2022**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Enriching Charlevoix culture through preservation, education  
and engaging experiences celebrating our history*

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**President:** Denise Fate

**Vice-President:** Tom Darnton

**Secretary:** Susan Van Wieren

**Treasurer:** Jamie McLane

**Finance Chair:** Craig Mann

**Directors:**

Term ending 2022: Lindsey Dotson, John Duerr

Term ending 2023: Ole Lyngklip III, Robert Molter

Term ending 2024: Ed O'Neill, Amanda Wilkin

**Advisory Board:** Chuck Cleland, Steve Paterka

**Museum Curator and Editor:** David L. Miles

**Museum Curator of Collections:** Trevor Dotson

## Message from the President and Finance Chair

With things pretty much back to normal after dealing with Covid variants and on-going infections, even with extensive vaccinations, the Society resumed plans for events this year, namely celebrating our Golden Jubilee. Activities included a program at the Depot presented by David Miles, and a fundraising event at the depot on June 16. We were pleased to welcome around 100 guests to enjoy wine, beer, hor d'oeuvres and live entertainment in Heritage Garden. Inside the depot there were displays with interpreters showcasing the Society's early years (1879-1920s) and 50 years of accomplishments between 1972-2022. Other highlights for the year thus far:

- Zoom and YouTube programming: North Central Michigan College scheduled David Miles to present two programs this Spring, and the Society did one in March. Participation and feedback is quite positive.
- Collaboration with the Library: David Miles and Trevor Dotson were invited to present programs in March and April, respectively, honoring Cynthia Postmus, and talking about the Women of Copper Country.
- CuCo event in early June: As part of the Chamber of Commerce Open House, each organization had games and refreshments on June 9. Attendance was better than expected.
- Bookings for private events at the Depot and bus tours make them on track to generate revenue comparable to pre-pandemic levels. We are in a position to increase rates starting in 2023.
- The second printing (600 copies) of **Boulders** is close to 50% sold out.
- The museum committee is working diligently to identify a consultant to assist with selection of a new collections management system.
- I/T hardware and infrastructure upgrades are essentially defined, and a vendor selected. Grant funding is needed to support the cost (\$25,000).
- The Lighthouse contract with the City is being reviewed, with the aim to rebalance the partnership and participation on the part of the City, especially with regards to fundraising.

### Membership:

- Campaign for 2022 has been good; renewal reminders were sent out in April.
- We have welcomed over 30 new members this year, including 17 from the \$2 Jubilee special at 1972 rates.
- Dues received June YTD have increased over 50%:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	\$15,869	\$10,061

**Financial:** The Society is in excellent financial position, with good cash reserves and income. However, with costs and needs increasing, revenues need to follow suit.

Denise Fate, President

Craig Mann, Finance Chair