



**Charlevoix Historical Society
Mid-Year Report: State of the Society
Annual Meeting
July 11, 2023**

VISION

A vibrant Charlevoix inspired by its history

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: Janet Kohler

Treasurer: Jamie McLane

Finance Chair: Craig Mann

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Term ending 2023: Ole Lyngklip III, Robert Molter

Term ending 2024: Ed O'Neill, Amanda Wilkin

Term ending 2025: John Duerr and Susan Tukul

Advisory Board: Lindsey Dotson and Steve Paterka

Museum Curator and Editor: David L. Miles

Museum Curator of Collections: Trevor Dotson

Message from the President and Finance Chair

2023 is a pivotal year for the Society in several ways. Almost simultaneously in July, the board will undergo key officer transitions and a major exhibit will be mounted at the Museum at Harsha House. After 12 years as President, Denise Fate will step down and hand the reins over to Geoff Reynolds. "The City on Three Lakes: A Maritime History of Charlevoix" opened July 9.

Other highlights for the year thus far:

- **Programming:** This year has been a mix of Zoom and live programs, now centered on the maritime theme. The depot has been completely full for both programs, so interest is robust. The Zoom programs Dave Miles did earlier in the year, one for NCMC, were well attended also.
- **CuCo Open House June 8:** As part of the Chamber of Commerce Open House, each organization had activities. Attendance was good.
- **Membership:** There have been positive developments in membership. We have added ten (10) new members. Membership dues are up over 40% thru June, driven by the higher rates implemented this year and an increase in the number of Patrons and Ralph Hamilton Circle members.
- **Revenues from depot usage for private events and bus tours** are on par with last year, despite losing one key tour company.
- **Lighthouse Committee:** With a signed addendum to the contract for maintenance of the South Pier Lighthouse, the City has designated Mayor Lyle Gennett and Councilman Richard Spring to serve on the committee. Meetings will commence later in July.
- **Celebrations and fundraising for the 75th anniversary of the South Pier Lighthouse** began with Celebrity Bartending events in partnership with the Bridge Street Tap Room. This has garnered good exposure and resulted in over \$35,000 being raised so far towards our goal of \$60,000. Events will culminate with events on September 30 at Michigan Beach and a sunset cruise on board the Beaver Islander.

Financial: The Society is in a very good financial position, with sufficient cash on hand and income. Much of the spending this year on the exhibit and other projects was funded with grants or gifts received last year and held in reserve. Our primary spending needs going forward center around payroll, for additional administrative and curatorial hours or staffing, and as always building maintenance.

Denise Fate, President

Jamie McLane, Treasurer