

**Okanagan Historical Society
Annual General Meeting**

**Summerland Waterfront Resort
April 30, 2017**

The president of the Summerland Branch, George Downton, welcomed 32 members and guests to the 92nd meeting of the Okanagan Historical Society.

CALL TO ORDER: Tracy Satin, president of the Okanagan Historical Society, called the meeting to order.

NOTICE OF CALL: The secretary, Joan Cowan, read the Notice of Call as printed in the 80th Annual Report.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion: That the minutes of the April 24, 2016 meeting be adopted as published in the 80th Report.

B. Cowan / J.A. Gamble. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Tracy Satin read a letter from Summerland Mayor Peter Waterman welcoming members to Summerland and Historic Lowertown.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- a) President – Tracy Satin
- b) Secretary – Joan Cowan
- c) Treasurer – Bob Cowan

Motion: That Cecil Schmidt be appointed auditor for the next year.

B. Cowan / P. Tassie. Carried.

Motion: That new signing officers for the Okanagan Historical Society be Tracy Satin (president), Linda Samland (Armstrong), and Bob Cowan (treasurer), and that two out of three be required to sign the cheques.

B. Cowan / L. Shannon. Carried

Motion: That the treasurer's report be adopted as presented.

B. Cowan / H. Thorburn. Carried

- d) Editor – David Gregory, read by George Downton

BRANCH REPORTS:

- a) Oliver / Osoyoos – Larry Shannon
- b) Penticton – Karen Collins
- c) Summerland – George Downton
- d) Kelowna – Lois Marshall
- e) Vernon – Herb Thorburn
- f) Armstrong / Enderby – Carmen Kirkland
- g) Salmon Arm – Dorothy Rolin
- h) Similkameen – No report

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

- a) Father Pandosy – Pat Walls, read by Tracy Satin
- b) Index – Joan Cowan
- c) Essay – Diane Ambil, presented by Jessie Ann Gamble
- d) Website – Lois Marshall
- e) Historic Trails – David Gregory, read by George Downton

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers – Bob Cowan conducted the election of officers for the 2017-2018 executive:

- President – Tracy Satin
- Vice President – Larry Shannon
- Secretary – Joan Cowan
- Treasurer – Bob Cowan
- Editor – David Gregory

Motion: That the officers be elected by acclamation.

B. Cowan / L. Marshall. Carried

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS:

1. That we honour the memory of Enabelle Gorek, life member. *David Morgenstern*
2. That we thank the Summerland Branch for hosting the annual general meeting. *Joan Cowan*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lois Marshall announced that the Kelowna Branch will be hosting the next annual general meeting. It will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at the Community Hall Association of Okanagan Centre, 11099 Maddock Avenue, Okanagan Centre in Lake Country.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by Tracy Satin at 11:32 a.m.

Following the annual general meeting, a luncheon was served in the Waterfront Centre. A cheque was presented by Jessie Ann Gamble to Hannah Clark from Penticton High School for her student essay on Okanagan's Path to Native Education. Guest speaker Dave Hill spoke about the

buildings, businesses and early settlers in Summerland's Historical Lowertown from the 1880s to the present.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cowan

President's Report - Tracy Satin

History is part of all of us. We all have a past, present and future that involves the interaction between us, the people around us and our environment. We do not have a choice in this matter. Some choose to disregard this responsibility, while thankfully, many others choose to embrace it.

Before starting my Report, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of Rosemary Wilson. Rosemary was a long-time, active member of the Salmon Arm Branch, a steadfast Executive Vice President and a devoted member of our Society. She dedicated much of her efforts to community affairs and events and could often be found at the R.J. Haney Heritage Village and Museum. Rosemary's passion for her work and community contributions has been a gift to all of us, and for this we, and the countless generations following us, will have a better understanding of our collective past and a deeper respect for the history and heritage that surrounds us.

In November of last year, the Government of BC made changes to the Society Act. Pre-existing societies, such as the OHS, have two years to comply with the new law, and must now submit all materials online. Our Constitution and Bylaws have been amended to reflect these new changes and today we will need to pass a resolution to ratify these mandatory requirements, prior to us submitting our new documentation online.

Throughout the year, upon request, and in support of various related projects, a number of Letters of Support were submitted on behalf of the OHS. Letters were sent to several granting agencies letting them know how valuable we feel the work is that is done by our colleagues at our local museums and heritage sites. These letters not only support various projects in the Valley, they emphasize how valuable these projects are to a range of organizations and researchers and they also reflect the endless range of topics that are housed in our historical repositories.

In addition to this, a letter was submitted to the Central Okanagan Foundation asking for \$15,000 in order for the OHS to partner with the Children's Festival Society of Kelowna to have a history themed children's Fat Cat Festival this year, in celebration of Canada's 150th. We are happy to let you all know that we did receive the grant and are looking forward to having this year's Festival highlight the history of the Okanagan in fun and interactive ways for adults and children alike.

Along with all of our annual events and branch projects, this year will focus on the relationship between the Executive and the Father Pandosy Mission Committee. We are looking to strengthening ties and explore various funding avenues, along with organizational capacity and

sustainability.

It is always such a pleasure to hear how active all of the Branches and members are in their respective communities and how much of an impact we have in the Okanagan. I am looking forward to our new Annual Report that is focused on WWI. Our past history can quickly fade from memory if not for all of you. Thank you and I look forward to another wonderful year with the OHS.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary's Report - Joan Cowan

I have carried out all of the duties of the secretary - preparing and distributing agendas, recording and distributing minutes, collecting reports and lists for the annual report, answering all correspondence, maintaining the membership and subscription lists, and overseeing the mail-out of the report.

In accordance with the new B.C. Societies Act, I have established an account online with the B.C. Registry Service and am prepared to submit an annual report following this meeting. I have revised the constitution and bylaws to conform to the new act and, with the help of our members, prepared an updated version of the by-laws for discussion at our July executive meeting. We plan to present the revised constitution and bylaws at the next annual general meeting for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Editor's Report - David Gregory

This year, the Branch Editors chose World War One as the theme of the Annual Report. Each branch was to submit a two-page description of some of its community activities from World War One, with the addition of 2-3 photographs.

With respect to completion of the Annual Report, I am behind last year's pace. About one third of the Report is completed. I am aiming to complete the Report and distribute copies by the July executive meeting. Some Branches sold books over the summer months while others waited until the more traditional Fall months.

One of the featured articles in the 2017 Report is "Memories of Princeton's Founding Mother: Susan Allison" written by her grand-daughter Sue MacGregor. Sue is in the audience. Our Society thanks you. Your article will be enjoyed by many.

The Student Essay winner is Hannah Clark and her article is titled "Okanagan Path to Native Education".

Respectfully submitted,

Oliver-Osoyoos Branch - Larry Shannon

Members of our Branch have been monitoring the Fairview Kiosk site and clean it up when necessary. Mr. Ernie Dumais continues to mow the grass with his tractor and orchard type mower several times a year. The Branch does appreciate his contribution. On August 6th there was a small family memorial event held at the site, for which we received a small donation.

On May 21st I represented the Okanagan Historical Society at the official opening Princeton Trailhead of an old Hudson Bay Company Trail that crossed the mountains to Hope. Some of members were instrumental in mapping and re-establishing the route. I participated in an exploratory hike on this route in the 1970's.

On August 28th the Oliver Osoyoos Branch had a Branch picnic at the Keremeos Grist Mill.

On Oct. 17th two of our Branch members attended the Fairview Townsite Society meeting. This organizations has tenure on the old Fairview townsite land that adjoins the two Fairview lots that the O.H.S. owns. This Society was in the process of making some significant decisions including dissolution.

We held our Semi-Annual branch meeting on Nov. 6th. I was the guest speaker. The topic was the old Fairview cemetery. The meeting was well attended.

On Feb. 26, 2017 many members of our Branch attended a Memorial Service for Jean Evans. Jean was very interested in local history, and a long-time member of our Branch.

On April 9th, 2017 our Branch had its Annual General Meeting. The guest speaker was Mr. Jim Arnusch. His topic was the 1896 Camp McKinney gold robbery. The meeting was well attended. Also at this meeting Gayle Cornish was elected as President. She has replaced myself who served as President for the previous ten years.

Respectfully submitted,

Penticton Branch - Karen Collins

The Penticton Branch was pleased to host the 2016 AGM on April 24th, 2016 at the Shatford Centre. It gave us the opportunity to showcase the restoration and preservation of the former school that now serves as the headquarters for many local groups including the Penticton OHS Branch. We also had the pleasure of presenting a Lifetime Membership to a very deserving Dave Morgenstern, a past president of both our branch and the parent body.

During the spring, Penticton Branch worked with the Okanagan School of the Arts and Penticton

Tourism to put together a walking tour map that the OSA can personalize for visiting groups. Our Branch was an Institutional Sponsor on an updated version of the *Penticton Inside Out* tourism map project, partnering with the Penticton Museum & Archives, OSA, Penticton Arts Council, Penticton Art Gallery, En'owkin Centre and Theytus Books. To further enhance the map and the tourism experience the map includes a QR Code with the Shatford Centre maintaining the information.

Cherry Lane Shopping Centre asked the Branch to participate in an event for the ground breaking for the new hospital tower in Penticton on Tuesday July 12th. We used some of the story boards we had used in the fall plus some different ones which added new historical information and photographs.

In September, I gave a power point presentation on the history of the OHS, focusing on the Penticton Branch, to residents and guests of the Hamlets Care Facility. In November I led a bus tour for their recreation department taking in the historic sites and public art pieces featured in the Walking Tour.

We held our first fall meeting of 2016 on Sunday Oct 16th at the Shatford Centre with a presentation by Art Martens, who lives in Hedley and writes a blog *Living Significantly* that he refers to as a small town perspective on people, community, politics and environment.

Our final meeting of 2016 for the Penticton Branch was an informal affair held on Sunday November 20th, during our fall book sale. Our theme for the sale was *The History of Schools in Penticton* and included schools still in use as well as those that were lost. Penticton Museum and Archives provided photographs of schools and assisted in gathering information on them to put with our story boards. The museum also loaned us a run of 3 school desks to display.

Herb and Linda Allen had an amazing display of old school materials from the Allen Grove school, Dave Morgenstern provided some photographs and a school annual, Randy Manual brought in memorabilia related to the history of Shatford and Marilyn Barnay brought in poster size photos of Pen-Hi auditorium which was torn down when expansion to the Ellis building took place.

In January I gave a brief presentation on a joint project between the Shatford Centre, Okanagan School of the Arts and the Penticton Branch, for the 100 Men Who Care meeting. Several years ago we had committed to supporting the *Creative for Life program...for people who weren't born yesterday* so this was the project I discussed. We are now able to contribute \$620.00 funding to the ongoing project.

During our first meeting of 2017, held on January 29, we finalized details for Heritage Week, which was held at Cherry Lane Shopping Centre February 13-Sunday 19th. I gave a presentation on Eva Cleland and the story of Chautauqua in Penticton.

The Penticton Museum & Archives, Okanagan School of the Arts/Shatford Centre, SS Sicamous Society, South Okanagan Genealogical Society and the Penticton & District Stamp Club joined us for Heritage Week. We had pictorial displays of the history of Penticton including hospitals, early business buildings, post offices and schools. Members of the participating organizations also had displays of "good stuff" and were on hand to share their knowledge and memories. The

OHS honoured Berry & Smith Trucking with a Long Time Family Business community service certificate. Pictures, loaned by Berry & Smith, were on display and we aired a DVD of the history of the first 60 years of their company during our event. Heritage Week was a very successful event with over 1600 visits over seven days.

The presentation at our latest meeting, April 9th 2017 was given by Trudy Kotzian speaking about the changes she and her husband saw during their years living in Tulameen. What started as a seasonal home for them became a permanent residence.

In partnership with Cherry Lane Shopping Centre our Branch is currently working on setting up a Canada 150 display in a unit previously occupied by a Jewellery Store. With locked showcases and a great location near centre court we look forward to sharing items of interest and local history with visitors to the mall in a museum like setting. Opening is planned for early May.

Respectfully submitted,

Summerland Branch - George Downton

For thirty-two years, on an annual basis, Summerland has selected a heritage building, site and tree. This year the building is the IOOF Hall. It was built in 1909 as the Gartrell Block in Lowertown and moved onto our main street in the early 1920s. This building will be mentioned in this afternoon's talk. The selected heritage site is the James and Mary Gartrell Trail, created in 2006 and it honours two of our earliest pioneers. The heritage tree actually is two trees, two horse chestnut trees planted in 1909 and located two blocks south of here.

This year's AGM featured archaeologist and Society member, Brenda Gould. She talked about the latest techniques in studying First Nation pictographs. We had over 80 people in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelowna Branch - K. Lois Marshall

Since the April 24, 2016 AGM at the Shatford Centre in Penticton, the Kelowna Branch has been busy. We hold monthly Branch meetings. As well, members of the Kelowna Branch attended meetings of the OHS parent body Executive Council (July 17, Oct 23, 2016 and Feb 26, 2017), allowing us to discuss the business of the society.

In the last year, the Kelowna Branch has been busy with various events:

- April 2016: Cleanup of the historic Christien House at the Father Pandosy Mission Site. Board members attended the annual cleanup with rags, mops and cleaning supplies. Thank you to the Catholic Women's League, who provided a lovely lunch.
- June 4-5, 2016: Assisted with the gate at the Okanagan Antique Power Club's 15th Annual Antique Power Show held at the Father Pandosy Mission Site.

- July 10, 2016: Annual Pioneer Picnic held at Parkinson Recreation Center. As usual it was a very successful event with Lake Country residents recognized as honored pioneers. This year we will highlight Canada's 150th anniversary on July 16.
- August 27, 2016: Third annual Old Fashioned Family Social held at the Pandosy Mission Site. A number of families attended. It continues to be a successful event highlighting pioneer activities such as washing clothes, blacksmithing, and quilting, etc. Many thanks to the Kelowna Jaycees who provided food services and brought their families to the event. Also thanks to our local museums, and Rick Jennens who provided the Antique Fire Truck display, which is always popular with attendees.
- October 22, 2016: Fall Social and Light Lunch held once again at the Missionwood Retirement Resort. Tea, coffee and goodies were provided, with music by Rolan Quest and a speech from Pat Walls. A number of our publications were available for sale. Members of the Kelowna Branch as well as residents of Missionwood enjoyed an afternoon celebration.
- December 9-10, 2016: Annual pre-Christmas book sale at Rona. Copies of the 80th OHS Report and the Kelowna Street Names book were available. Both those selling books and those passing through Rona enjoyed discussing local history. We appreciate Rona's ongoing support of the Society.
- February 12-19, 2017: Heritage Week celebrated. The theme this year was "My Canada! My BC! My Okanagan!" A number of events were held, including the annual heritage awards and the popular History Mystery Bus Tour.

Other activities that our members benefit from include:

- Courier Newspaper articles. This service began in 1994. To date there have been more than 900 local history articles published weekly on Monday. There are a number of authors represented by both members and non-members of the OHS.
- Branch Newsletter. Two newsletters are published per year to inform membership and interested parties of the activities of the Kelowna Branch. Copies of these are given to other OHS branches.
- Articles and Obituaries. Local history articles and obituaries are collected for the OHS annual report. This year the Kelowna Branch has submitted 42 obituaries for publication in the 81th Report. Thank you to Sharron Simpson, our local branch editor for all your work collecting, editing and writing articles.
- OHS Report Sales. The Kelowna Branch took delivery of 160 80th OHS Reports and to date we have only 47 copies on hand. The Branch has sold or presented 60 copies of this book. Other copies of the 80th Report have been sold through, and are still available for purchase from, Mosaic Books and the Kelowna Museum. Copies of the current 80th Report and Kelowna Street Names books are available tonight for purchase, for \$25.00 (no tax).

- **Funding Opportunities.** Two bursaries are presented annually to local secondary students. This year we will be providing 2 additional bursaries in recognition of Canada's 150th celebration. As well, we support funding historically relevant projects and events in the Kelowna area. Specifically, a \$5,000 grant was presented to the Okanagan Heritage Society to be used towards replacing windows at the Benvoulin Heritage Church.
- **Partnerships:** The Kelowna Branch partnered with the Interior Savings Fat Cat Children's Festival to help bring Okanagan history to the festival, June 9-10, 2017.
- **Father Pandosy Mission site.** The Kelowna Branch has a keen and ongoing commitment to the Mission Site. One of our directors, Judy Johnson, has served on the Father Pandosy Mission Committee and has kept the Kelowna Branch up to date on the activities on the site. Since Judy's recent resignation, we are working to fill this Committee spot.
- **Street Names.** The Kelowna Branch regularly submits local surnames to City Hall for consideration as names of local streets. Interested parties can submit names to the Kelowna branch for consideration.
- **Community Engagement through talks to other groups:** These past few months, Bob Hayes has talked to a number of groups about local history as a representative of the Kelowna Branch. Approximately 200 people have been reached through presentations at: Kelowna New Comers Club, est. 130 people; Chatsworth Residence, est. 20 people; Winfield Men's Club, est. 15 people; St. Michael's Cathedral Women's Group, est. 15 people.

It will be Kelowna's turn to host the OHS Executive Council's Annual General Meeting on Sunday, April 29th, 2018 at the Community Hall Association of Okanagan Centre, 11099 Maddock Ave., Lake Country (Okanagan Centre). Plans are underway for this important event, and we will keep members up-to-date as developments occur.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Kelowna Branch directors for your work this past year. Specifically, thank you to Judy Johnson for your work on the Father Pandosy Committee and your support of our branch activities. Judy is stepping down from the Kelowna Branch executive, and will be missed. And thank you to our membership for your support at our events.

I look forward to the year ahead. It will be busy and rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon Branch - Herb Thorburn

Over the past year since the last Valley AGM the activities of the Vernon branch have continued on a near normal course. Our membership, on the other hand, seems to be diminishing, with a total of about eighty people on our nominal membership roll, but only about forty having paid our \$10 membership, and twenty to thirty-five attending our three general events. The executive has also lost two members which brings us down to six, with two members doing "double duty". We are obviously anxious to add some new, preferably younger faces. Vernon branch continues

to issue a newsletter to advise the total membership of the upcoming events, promote the sale of any new publications and to urge the submission of articles for the OHS Reports.

The first activity of the year was our 13th annual “Pioneer Picnic” held on a mainly sunny 13th of August in Coldstream Park. The Chilly Creakers provided their usual fine music, while Branch Editor Bill Dunsmore again served as head chef for the 35 people in attendance. This year our usual practice of having an honouree for contributions to local history was particularly significant when we recognized with a plaque of appreciation, Ron Candy’s “cooperation and collaboration” during his 24 years as Curator and Director of the Vernon and District Museum and Archives. Our raconteur this year was also notable with Ed Witzke doing a show’n’tell of the many artefacts that were part of his life growing up “poor and Polish” in Coldstream.

Our Fall General Meeting was held on 27 November at the Schubert Centre. After the usual business section of the meeting we had a presentation that was intended to coordinate with Remembrance Day – albeit a bit late – when Dr. James Wood, Professor of History at UBCO and current historian of the BC Dragoons, gave us a well illustrated talk on The History of the Canadian Militia in the North Okanagan. He referred frequently to “Camp Vernon” and to the history and fate of the Vernon Armoury. He was thanked on behalf of the 35 members and guests by our resident military historian, Bob Passmore

In February the Vernon Branch again participated in the Antiques and Collectables Show and Sale. This year it was run by the “Collectors Club” at a somewhat reduced level and we shared a table with the Museum but still had all our publications on display. It again proved to be an excellent venue for promoting the OHS.

In line with our objective of providing support for activities with historical intent, the Vernon Branch has again contributed \$300 to the Heritage Fair organized by the North Okanagan Optimist Club. The fair was held at the Schubert Centre on the 7th of April, with three members of our executive acting as judges.

Our Spring General Meeting was held on the 9th of April at the Schubert Centre where our speaker was Gabe Newman, the Vernon Museum's Education Coordinator, who gave us a virtual (i.e. non-walking) tour with commentary of the 27 murals on the walls of buildings around Vernon. It was an excellent and informative tour of the murals, but we were disappointed with a turnout of only about twenty people.

Vernon Branch continues to assist with the preparation of Peter Tassie’s book, “Water From the Hills – The Story of Irrigation in the Vernon District”. The text with photographs and sidebars has been waiting for revised and improved maps which once available will allow completion of a draft for discussion with printers.

The Vernon Branch initiative of reprinting OHS Reports #1 - 5 has made good progress with the sale to date of 16 of the 20 sets printed, plus 4 separates. We have also sold the last of the 10 reprints we did of the Okanagan Brigade Trail – North.

Finally, Vernon Branch would like to congratulate Peter Tassie on the occasion of his recent 90th birthday.

Respectfully submitted,

Armstrong-Enderby Branch - Carmen Kirkland

We have held two branch events since last year's AGM in April of 2016; the clean-up of the Lansdowne Cemetery in May and a general meeting in November, which was held at the Armstrong Museum.

Special recognition was made at that time of the contribution to both our local and executive branches of the OHS by the late Jean Lockhart who passed away in May of 2016. Plans for the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation were briefly discussed and we are still hopeful of the possibility of doing something in conjunction with the O'Keefe Ranch in this regard. The Ranch is situated in Spallumcheen and will also be celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding this summer.

Our guest speaker in November was Craig McKechnie who spoke on the Underground Waterways of Armstrong beginning with a description of the geography of the creeks and wetland. He went on to explain how this particularly impacted the Armstrong Fairgrounds (aka: Interior Provincial Exhibition). Doug Hunt spoke in more detail about the culverts and services that lay beneath the fairgrounds as well as various changes made over time. Speakers from the audience mentioned sneaking into the fair through these culverts to avoid paying admission, as well as the impact that diverting Meighan Creek had on the foundation pilings of the Armstrong Drill Hall. Maps and aerial photographs of the areas discussed were also made available.

Sales of the 80th OHS Report were conducted by Branch members at both Askew's Foods in Armstrong and the Enderby & District Credit Union in November and December of 2016; unfortunately our results were not as good as last year.

We received an interesting e-mail request in January from Frank Licameli who works at the US Military Academy at West Point. In conducting an in-depth study of the New York Campaign of 1776, Frank came across a transcribed copy of the diary of a British surgeon named Thompson Forster and is attempting to locate the original. It had been in the possession of Robert Ethelstone Thompson Forster in 1938 and Frank had tracked the family to Enderby making use of our OHS Reports; he requested assistance to put him in contact with Forster family members currently living in the Enderby area. Joan Cowan took the lead on this, unfortunately the diary was not to be found.

Our Branch AGM will take place in the Enderby Museum on May 7, 2017 and our topic will be Enderby families who bought properties on Mable Lake in the 1920's and 1930's. We have secured three speakers and are looking forward to hearing of their summer times spent on the lake. Also featured at this meeting will be the pre-sale of the new book, "Flowing Through Time; Stories of Kingfisher and Mable Lake" being published by the Kingfisher History Committee. Our Fall Meeting is scheduled to take place in Armstrong on November 5, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Salmon Arm Branch - Dorothy Rolin

We have approximately 25 members in Salmon Arm's branch of the Okanagan Historical Society. Members who have attended our monthly meetings this past year have been kept active with a number of projects and supportive actions for keeping heritage and history alive in our city.

Last spring, on behalf of OHS, I presented a petition of 1259 names to both the City of Salmon Arm Council and School Board Trustees of District #83, to bring awareness of the probable destruction in 2018 of the old Salmon Arm Elementary School (currently known as the Downtown Activity Centre). It is listed on our City's Heritage Register.

June 5th saw the successful collaboration of the Community Heritage Commission and OHS. An afternoon event called Walk Down Memory Lane was organized and produced with over 90 people attending. As well, a new city walking tour brochure was launched at this event, thanks in part to the Salmon Arm Museum archives and many hard working OHS individuals and Patti Kassa from the Heritage Commission.

In May, we held a special meeting at the heritage home of Cindy Malinowski to contemplate ideas for a project to participate in Canada's 150 anniversary. Several ideas were forthcoming and were tabled for our September meeting. Our annual members' wind-up picnic was held at the RJ Haney heritage Park on June 12 with 17 people attending. In September, our decision to put a display in the Fall Fair in the Memory Lane section was well received and drew many compliments from visitors and residents alike.

I attended the Annual Community Meeting of the Shuswap Community Foundation on behalf of OHS and received a certificate recognizing our branch as a recipient of a spring grant. The grant of \$2060 went towards the printing of the Heritage Walking Tour brochure.

Sales of the OHS Report and other books were held twice, before Christmas and again during Heritage Week. In addition, copies of the Report have been placed for sale in local book stores, and are always available from the Branch.

We continue to video and interview pioneers. Two of our members have produced some beautiful booklets with the typed interview, photos, and a DVD, not only for the family, but for our OHS branch. A copy of the DVD also goes to the Museum.

At a separate meeting for the upcoming Canada 150 Anniversary, we agreed to feature a timeline with six themes on a free-standing display board. The display was used for the annual February Heritage display in the Piccadilly Mall. Hopefully we can display it at other community functions this year as well as at this year's Fall Fair.

At our Christmas party, Deborah Chapman our Museum Curator, put on a power point presentation and talked in detail about the dioramas being built in the new Montebello addition at RJ Haney Heritage Park.

Various members have been giving a brief family history at the conclusion of our OHS meetings. We hope to compile them for further use in a book of some kind.

Our Salmon Arm branch now has a page within the main Okanagan Historical Society web page. There, you will find information about us and an e-mail address for our Salmon Arm branch okhistorysa@gmail.com

March 15, 2017 saw the signing of a Deed of Gift as \$10,000 was turned over to the Shuswap Community Foundation in the joint names of Geoffrey Leech and Denis Marshall. Interest from this fund will be returned to the Salmon Arm branch to be used for further projects or, used as a grant for an organization operating in the Shuswap with a purpose similar to that of OHS.

Recently, OHS gave their support alongside a public group who sought to have the old Orchard House AKA /Minos/ Dilkusha, declared a heritage site and gathering place to save it from demolition. Given a sixty day timeline and stringent conditions set out for them by Salmon Arm's Council, this "Preserving Dilkusha Group" managed to put together a 110 page proposal addressing those conditions from the City. Despite all their endeavours to meet these demands, including a Statement of Significance that had been done by the City's own Heritage Commission declaring it a heritage site, which was never allowed to be introduced at the council meeting where Council voted to demolish the site. Unless someone(s) comes forth to move the 105 year old building by May 27th, the house and treed site will be demolished.

Sadly, we postponed the business and election part of our branch AGM until our May 15th meeting due to the sudden passing of our life-time member and past president Rosemary Wilson, the same day as our scheduled April 9th AGM. We did go ahead with the scheduled presentation by members of the group who had worked to publish the popular book, The Many Faces of Mount Ida. Their presentation was interesting and well received by the 30 people in attendance.

In addition to the shock of losing Rosemary, there were two other members who left us unexpectedly. Mary Wetherill was a long-time member and the daughter of a pioneer family, and Sharron Brown had joined the group only a couple of years ago, but had already made active contributions. Their dedication to preserving history will be sorely missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Father Padosy Mission - Patrick Walls

Highlights of Events and Activities for 2017:

1. Events for 2017:
 - a. Vintage car Show (May)
 - b. Antique Power and Tractor Show - June 3rd & 4th
 - c. Festivals Kelowna Blue Grass Concert (July)
 - d. OHS Pioneer Days (August)
 - e. Several tentative bookings for closed events

2. Completion of the new Kiosk with French/English signage
3. We will be running a new power line to the center of the grounds (behind the fence near the Pandosy Statue). This will create much needed additional power sources for on-site events. We will be adding additional lighting to the grounds and Father Pandosy Statue
4. The Knights of Columbus (ICC parish) donated a \$3700.00 lawn mower tractor to the mission. It was delivered just on time for clean-up day
5. Pat met with the Department of Highways personnel to make final arrangements for a brand new roadside Pandosy Mission Plaque. The Provincial ministry has redesigned the sign and approved new more politically-correct language. They moved us to the top of the list and will forge a brand new sign (rather than refurbish the old one). We will move the sign to the left of the main gate and the Ministry will install it within the next two weeks.
6. We have ordered a new "leather bound" Guest Book from Kelowna Bindery. It will have enough pages to last for a few years. We have also decided to "archive" the old guest sheets and have them bound for future reference
7. We continue to work on the web site and QR App
8. A wheelchair ramp will be added to the entry of the McDougall House.
9. When time permits and storage space is arranged, we will accept the donation of a new wagon and sleigh from the Sperling family
10. Our new signs project will continue throughout the season. More bilingual signage and a "new-look" to general signs around the site
11. Our annual clean-up date was very successful on Saturday (April 24th). A number of new volunteers from the retired teacher's hiking club stepped to the plate

We are excited for the 2017 season.

Respectfully submitted,

Index Committee - Joan Cowan

We have indexed the latest report, *Okanagan History #80*, and uploaded the information to the index page on the OHS website. I wish to thank volunteer Faith Hudson for her meticulous work, as she is responsible for inputting this information into the online database created especially for this purpose by Eric Hudson. Faith has said that her job has become much easier now that most of the reports are online, because she is able to determine family names already present in the index without having to access the books in the local museum.

The printed Index to Reports 1-76 is sold out. In her last act as Index Committee Chairperson, Dorothy Zoellner convinced the executive to print approximately 75 copies of an updated index

every five years. The Index for Reports 1-81 will be available next spring, after we complete the index for next year's report.

Respectfully submitted,

Student Essay Contest - Diane Ambil

This year's winner of the Student Essay contest is Hannah Clarke of Penticton. Her winning essay is entitled "Okanagan's Path to Native Education."

Hannah is a Grade 12 student attending Penticton Secondary School. She loves art and playing basketball; her Muskoday background and basketball coach, Dustin Hyde, who is also the PSS Aboriginal Teacher, inspired her to write "Okanagan's Path to Native Education." She plans to attain a well-rounded post-secondary education towards becoming a missionary and humanitarian worker.

Respectfully submitted,

Website - K. Lois Marshall

Since the April 24, 2016 AGM at the Shatford Centre in Penticton, I have continued to maintain the OHS website on the Wordpress platform.

I have updated areas of the website, including the landing page, upcoming activities, historic properties, and student contests. I added a specific area for the Branches to inform their membership of activities and interests. I have also added business activities of the Society to the site.

I encourage people to let me know if you have ideas, or information that needs to be changed or updated on the website.

I look forward to continuing to keep our content current and relevant.

Respectfully submitted,

Historic Trails Committee - Peter Tassie, David Gregory

Efforts continue to extend the Fur Brigade Trail Linear Park another 11 kilometres to Peachland. The adjoining communities, regional districts and Okanagan Indian Bands are supportive of the project. This additional section of trail is quite steep and will require senior government funding. Last May the trails groups hosted a "Tea on Top Event" on the trail lookout. Over 100 people attended. This year we are hoping to more than double that number with this year's event to be held on May 28th.

Respectfully submitted,

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	2016		2015	
DISBURSEMENTS				
Expenses				
President	\$ 19.78		\$ 123.20	
Secretary	300.00		300.00	
Treasurer	513.61	\$ 833.39	548.79	\$ 971.99
Expenses Regarding Sales				
O.H.S. Reports:				
Editor's Honorarium	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Printing	8,019.90		7,946.12	
Shipping	997.25	12,017.15	1,020.26	11,966.38
Donations and Transfers to Branches				
Kelowna	700.00		-	
Other	15,000.00			
Father Pandosy Mission Committee	10,000.00	25,700.00	21,000.00	21,000.00
Annual Meeting Fee		60.00		350.00
Advertising		80.00		-
Essay and Video Contest		1,000.00		1,500.00
Father Pandosy Mission Committee		-		-
Insurance		1,767.00		1,214.00
Internet and Website		439.40		1,069.40
Memberships		150.00		-
Office and Bank Charges		-		-
Professional Fees		825.00		810.00
Rentals - For Meeting	183.75		-	
Rentals - Post Office Box	170.10	353.85	163.80	163.80
Sundry		25.00		25.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 43,250.79		\$ 39,070.57

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FATHER PANDOSY MISSION COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	2016		GENERAL ACCOUNT		2015	
RECEIPTS						
City of Kelowna	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 15,000.00			
Okanagan Historical Society General Account	-	\$ 10,000.00	-		\$ 15,000.00	
Donations						
On Site	11,169.32		9,076.06			
Knights of Columbus & Catholic Women's League	3,200.00		500.00			
Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson	7,000.00	21,369.32	6,000.00		15,576.06	
Interest		38.86			14.01	
G.S.T. Rebate		467.13			299.04	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		31,875.31			30,889.11	
DISBURSEMENTS						
Advertising		1,470.00			918.75	
Bilingual signage		2,713.60			5,309.54	
Insurance		3,229.00			3,229.00	
Internet upgrade		-			2,000.00	
Membership		183.75			183.75	
Rentals		1,801.80			1,632.75	
Repairs - general		2,657.47			1,709.58	
Repairs - buildings and grounds		16,566.30			2,505.21	
Security		392.78			375.90	
Supplies and office		2,842.72			1,641.55	
Utilities		5,518.51			5,655.81	
Wages and benefits		-			-	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		37,375.93			25,161.84	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		\$ (5,500.62)			\$ 5,727.27	

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

NOTE 1 STATUS AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

The Society is a not-for-profit society registered under the Society Act of the Province of British Columbia.

NOTE 2 BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue Recognition

The Society operates on the cash method of accounting.

Property

The land was donated by the Presbyterian Church in 1970 for the consideration of \$1. It consists of two lots in the old Fairview Township near Okanagan Falls and is maintained for the benefit of the community and tourism. The land and improvements (including a kiosk) are exempt from property taxes.

NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS

2016

The investments consist of the following:

Term Deposits:

Investment certificate 1.75%, due March 31, 2017	10,350.54
Investment certificate 1.00%, due April 2, 2018	6,402.50
Investment certificate 1.20% due March 15, 2019	10,625.12

Savings Account

17,184.64

\$ 44,562.80
