

Mennonite Historical Society
of British Columbia



2020 Annual Report

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Mennonite Historical Society of BC
Agenda of the 2020 Annual General Meeting
Held virtually with ZOOM
October 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. PST

1. Welcome: Richard Thiessen, President
2. Minutes of 2019 AGM (held on 28 October 2020)
3. Financial Reports: Rod Ewert, Treasurer
 - (a) Financial Statements - 2020
 - (b) Budget - 2021
4. Election of Directors

Current terms:

Ending in 2021: Linda Klassen, Robert Martens, and Laura Unger

Ending in 2022: Ingrid Epp, Rod Ewert, Maryann Jantzen, and Richard Thiessen

Ending in 2023: Elmer Wiens and Cheryl Isaac

Laura Unger has decided to resign from the board. We thank her for her many years of service, and are glad to know that she will continue to be an active volunteer with MHSBC.

The board is nominating Helen Esau Ho, Linda Klassen, Robert Martens, and Elma Pauls for three year terms, ending in 2023.

We will be left with two vacancies on our Board. We have actively sought additional members throughout the past few months, and will continue to do so. If there are individuals who come forward, they will be appointed by the Board in the interim, and formally approved at the next AGM.

5. Presentation of Committee Reports
6. Questions / Further Business
7. Adjournment

Mennonite Historical Society of BC
2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
Zoom Meeting

Present: Richard Thiessen, Maryann Jantzen, Laura Unger, Rod Ewert, Jennifer Martens, Cheryl Isaak, Linda Klassen Jennifer Martens, Caroline Thurley, Mary Ann Quiring, Elmer Wiens, John Friesen, Cheryl Isaac, Robert Martens, Edward Epp, Dolores Harder, Jenny Bergen, Marvin Rempel, Dave Toews, Julia Toews, Irene Plett, Waltrude Gortzen, John & Lillian Toews, Lorne Brandt, Allen Harder.

1. **Opening:** Richard called the meeting to order. Moved – Mary Ann Quiring, Second – Elmer Wiens to approve the agenda as presented. **CARRIED.**
2. **Minutes of AGM April 5, 2019.** Moved – Robert Martens, Second – Laura Unger to approve the minutes as presented. **CARRIED.**
3. **Financial Statements** – Rod Ewert reviewed the financial statements for 2019. He gave a brief explanation of the graphs in the report and reported that there is an operating surplus of \$16,563.00. The statements are unaudited. An audit is not required; a financial review is enough.

Our investments showed a 12 – 13 % return for the year, which was more than expected. Moved – Rod Ewert, Second – Maryann Jantzen that we approve the financial statements as presented. **CARRIED.**

4. **Budget** – donations are down a bit but there is more to come this year. The Endowment Fund showed a 12% mark to market gain in August, slightly below the budget of 15%. Investments are doing well.

We received a grant from Heritage Canada based on 10% of our expenses of \$134,335.00. The sum of \$13,433.00 has been deposited to our account.

Giving for 2019 was \$85,828 and \$21,725.00 in 2020. A targeted fundraising campaign will be happening in the near future by phone to connect with donors.

Moved – Rod Ewert, Second – Irene Plett to approve the budget as presented. **CARRIED.**

5. Election of Directors:

Elmer Wiens, Laura Unger & Cheryl Isaac completed their three-year terms in 2020. Elmer & Cheryl have agreed to let their names stand for another 3 years, to 2023 and Laura has agreed to a one-year term ending in 2021. The floor was opened to nominations but none were given. Moved – Maryann Jantzen, Second – Julia Toews to accept these nominations for the terms as stated. **CARRIED.**

6. **Committee Reports:** There were no oral reports given. Motion to receive president, office manager and committee reports as presented in the AGM package moved by Julia Toews, Second – Robert Martens. **CARRIED.**

7. Questions, new business:

Library: Will there be a merger with Columbia Bible College? CBC is part of the BC Library consortium which uses Evergreen, an open source library program. If we merge, we would be seen as a branch library of CBC. The committee is working out details of various steps that have to take place for a merger to happen. Our library may be a lending library in the future but we are hesitating on that point right now.

Mennonites in BC History project: Funding for this project is not yet entirely in place. We have formed an editorial committee and have approached an individual to do the writing but haven't presented a formal offer.

Digitization project: After 11 years and 840+ microfilms of 3,000 frames the EWZ project is completed. Hard drives have been distributed to all members involved in the project (9-10). The digitization of periodicals is in progress as well as archival records from former USSR. We are raising funds for digitization equipment to digitize books, some of which will eventually go online.

Website – page views are up about 10%. The top five hits are the front page, family histories, Roots & Branches, genealogy & membership.

Digitization of family histories – 315 family histories have been scanned so far while others require permission to publish online. There is a form available for donors to indicate whether copies can be distributed or sold because there could be privacy issues involved.

It is moved by Irene Plett to adjourn the meeting.

Board of Directors

- Ingrid Epp - Retired Director of Development-The Reach Gallery Museum - Abbotsford
- Rod Ewert - Retired Chartered Accountant – Envision Credit Union - Abbotsford
- Cheryl Isaac - Retired Director, Continuing Education, UFV – Abbotsford
- Maryann Jantzen - Assistant Professor; Writing Centre Co-Director Trinity Western University – Abbotsford
- Linda Klassen - Former Business Owner - Abbotsford
- Robert Martens - Poet, Writer & Editor – Abbotsford
- Elma Pauls - Retired Health Care Administrator - Chilliwack
- Richard Thiessen - Executive Director Mennonite Museum– Abbotsford
- Laura Unger - Retired Library Technician – Abbotsford
- Elmer G. Wiens - Economist/Webmaster – Vancouver

Officers

- President - Richard Thiessen
- Vice President - Robert Martens
- Secretary - Linda Klassen
- Treasurer - Rod Ewert

President's Report

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present my 2020 report for our Society.

We have now completed our fifth year in our location at the Mennonite Heritage Museum. The Society occupies the 2nd floor of the Museum, approximately 4,500 square feet, where our offices and library are located. The Society also occupies approximately 50% of the basement – a total of approximately 2,125 square feet. The basement includes a project room, the vault, and a storage room for non-archival items.

There is a healthy synergy between the Historical Society and the Museum that has allowed both organizations to be more efficient in terms costs and human resources. We continue to experience an increase in those who are interested in volunteering for us.

Staffing and Personnel

Together, the Society and the Museum employ two full-time persons: Jennifer Martens serves as Office and Volunteer Manager and Mary Ann Quiring serves as Receptionist and Office Assistant. Each are employed half-time by the Society and half-time by the Museum.

The Society has approximately 60 volunteers that provide staffing for the Society and work on a variety of indexing, filing, translation, and scanning projects. Our volunteer structure includes several volunteer coordinators who work alongside our Office and Volunteer Manager. These coordinators maintain weekly contact with our volunteers and provide direct supervision and resourcing. This allows our Office and Volunteer Manager to focus more attention on volunteer policies and procedures and in-take procedures for new volunteers.

Like all other organizations, MHSBC had to deal with the impact of COVID-19. The Museum's closure in the middle of March 2020 naturally impacted MHSBC. After several months, the Society's Health and Safety Committee was able to implement workspace protocols around physical distancing and cleaning. Several volunteers felt comfortable returning to work, particularly those who work with archival materials. However, the library and research area remained closed to the public.

Communications

Roots and Branches, our periodical newsletter, is our primary means of communication with our supporting members. This year we published three 32-page issues and a smaller final issue for the year. We send out approximately 400 copies of the newsletter to members, churches, and sister organizations.

Further, we rely on our website [<http://www.mhsbc.com>] and our Facebook page to broadcast important developments in our Society and also as a means of sharing information. Near the end of the year, we worked on a redesign of our website with the help of several website design students from MEI in Abbotsford.

Public Events

MHSBC tries to host 4-5 public events each year. Below is a summary of events planned for 2020:

Date	Speaker/Event
22 February 2020	<i>"Writer's Workshop: Listening to Your Life."</i> Melody Goetz
28 March 2020	<i>"Writer's Workshop: To Write or Not to Write: That is the Question."</i>

	Danny Unrau
16 April 2020	“ <i>Beyond the Will: Building Your Lifelong Legacy.</i> ” Rhona Konnelly
24 April 2020	“ <i>Pier 21</i> ” Canadian Musical Theatre Company
2 May 2020	“ <i>Writer’s Workshop: From Imagination to the Page: A Fiction Writing Workshop.</i> ” Dora Dueck

Only the first event was held. The Society’s Events Committee hopes to hold the remaining events in 2022, including the Pier 21 production.

Projects

1. Digitizing the Mennonitsche Rundschau and Der Bote

Volunteers from the society have been digitizing issues of *Die Mennonitische Rundschau* and *Der Bote* for several years. At this point in time the scans are only available on the society’s internal server.

As of December 2020 the following issues of *Die Mennonitische Rundschau* had been scanned: 1880 (partial), 1881-1886, 1887 (partial), 1888-1891, 1892 (partial), 1893-1896, 1903-1896, 1898-1913, 1914-1915 (partial), 1920-1922, 1923 (partial), 1924-1925, 1926-1932 (partial), 1938 (partial), 1939-1943, 1944 (partial), 1945-1947, 1949-1950, 1951 (partial), 1952-1955, 1956 (partial), 1957, 1958-1959 (partial), 1960-1965, 1966 (partial), 1967-1971, 1972-1974 (partial), 1975-1977, 1978-1979 (partial), 1980, 1981-1982 (partial), 1983-1991, 1992 (partial), 1993-2002, 2003 (partial), 2004, 2005-2006 (partial), 2007.

In 2020 we completed scanning issues from 1920, 1921, and 1922. For 2021 we will continue to prioritize the scanning of issues from the 1920s in order to assist those indexing those volumes.

The following issues of *Der Bote* had been scanned: 1924-1934, 1935 (partial), 1936, 1961 (partial), 1962, 1963-1964 (partial), 1966 (partial), 1969-1970, 1971 (partial). 1972-1978, 1979 (partial), 1980-1990, 1991-1992 (partial), 1993-2003, 2004 (partial), 2005-2008. These numbers remain unchanged from 2017.

2. Archival Holdings

Linda Klassen heads up our volunteer group that works with processing our archival holdings and uploading images and archival description records to MAID. Work in the archives was temporarily suspended in spring, but gradually resumed throughout the summer. It was determined that a maximum of six people could work safely in the archive processing room. At this point in time, four volunteers are working in this space on a regular basis.

A new volunteer is working exclusively with our large slide collection. We purchased some much-needed technology upgrades, including a scanner that will accommodate slides, and we will begin to upload scans of our slides to MAID this year.

A large collection of files from Culloden Mennonite Brethren Church in Vancouver, which closed in September, was received in 2020, along with smaller collections of archival records from other organizations.

3. AtoM / MAID

In 2017 we moved our archival description database from InMagic to AtoM. PeaceWorks handled the migration of the data and continue to be pleased with the decision. Our archival description database is integrated with the

MAID database and searchable over the Internet. Many of our volunteers were already familiar with AtoM because of their work with the MAID project, and so the transition was fairly smooth.

Several of our volunteers are engaged with the MAID project.

4. EWZ Digitization Project

At the beginning of 2020 we celebrated the conclusion of what became an 11 year-long project – the digitization of the Einwandererzentralstelle (EWZ-50) microfilm collection, which we began in September 2009. In 2019 MHSBC purchased a second microfilm digitizer with better features to allow for more efficient scans of the microfilms, and this sped up the project considerably.

All the scans of these films are in PDF format and were distributed to each partner on a 4 TB external drive. The following partners supported the project financially and own a copy of these files:

- American Historical Society of Germans from Russia
- California Mennonite Historical Society
- Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies: Hillsboro, KS
- Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies: Winnipeg, MB
- Conrad Grebel University College
- Germans from Russia Historical Society
- Mennonite Heritage Archives
- Mennonite Historical Society of BC
- David Obee
- Hermann Schirmacher

We should note that the Black Sea German Research Group has incorporated all of the names indexed from the EWZ-50 series of microfilms into their online database, available at <http://www.blackseagr.org/>.

5. Indexing Projects

We are constantly creating and upgrading indexes to various periodicals, church registers, and other primary and secondary sources, and entering data into searchable databases.

6. Genealogy

Most of the visitors to our Archives have an interest in genealogy. Our volunteers assist visitors in compiling their family histories and they also respond to emails and letters.

Volunteers have also been quite busy scanning unpublished family histories and newspaper obituaries. Several of our volunteers are copying and pasting obituaries from the digital scans of the MB Herald into the Biographical Wiki database (https://mla.bethelks.edu/mediawiki/index.php/Main_Page) maintained by John Thiesen at the Mennonite Library & Archives at Bethel College. This database includes the full text of obituaries from a number of Mennonite periodicals, including Mennonite Weekly Review, The Mennonite, and a number of geographical newspapers. As of October 2021, nearly 2,200 obituaries had been entered.

Several of our volunteers also do a significant amount of work with the GRANDMA database. Members of the public submit corrections and additions to their family information that is in GRANDMA, and our volunteers are able to log into the database in California and make the necessary changes. Several volunteers are also working at creating a Legacy database of individuals in the EWZ records. Once completed, this database will be merged with GRANDMA.

7. Translation Projects

Volunteers are involved with several other projects, including the translation letters and diaries from German to English. Many of these projects begin as requests from individuals who make a donation to have something translated. Once the project is completed, a copy of the translation is made available to MHSBC.

Conclusion

Our Society is so thankful to the many volunteers who have devoted hours of service to MHSBC. While we can be thankful for the financial wealth that our Society enjoys, it is the wealth of our volunteers that makes us truly rich. The Society is also thankful to the many members and donors who sacrificially give so that our Society can continue the work of preserving the Mennonite story in British Columbia for future generations.

Submitted by Richard D. Thiessen, President, 4 October 2021

Office & Volunteer Manager

I am pleased to present the report for the office.

2020 continued with an unprecedented closure of the research center to the public for the entire year. While we were unable to host visitors, our volunteers continued to work on projects from home or came into the building to work on-site. Communication continued via email, mail outs, social media and phone calls.

We were able to host a “sip & snack” for our volunteer appreciation event and you can find out more details about that meaningful time in the report which was included on page 4 of the February 2021 issue of our Roots & Branches Newsletter.

Communications continued with the producer of the Pier 21 musical and our sponsors for that event.

The first ever “Connect-a-thon” took place at the close of the year and both members and donors were contacted personally by the board of directors in appreciation for continued support via memberships and donations. The active contribution of our board of directors in personally connecting membership with the work of the society has been tremendous.

Over the course of 2020, our volunteers and staff continued to adapt and pivot. For instance, during the extended Research Centre closure, volunteer hours from home continued to meet demand for research help. In 2020, 296 PayPal invoices went out which was a significant jump from previous years (2016: 40, 2017: 49, 2018: 57, 2019: 89). Meanwhile, those volunteers who felt comfortable to do so, came on site to work at distanced computer stations and complied with wearing masks and the advised sanitizing of high touch areas. Meetings were held by zoom or in large rooms with limited numbers of attendees. Patron assistance training continued to be developed and beta testing was put in place for volunteers who were coming on site. We have many more volunteers interested in taking this training and more sessions are planned.

Plans are in place to open again and we are looking forward to seeing our community in person in the future!

Save the date for “Pier 21: The Musical” which is slated to be held at the Matsqui Centennial Auditorium for 2 showings on February 12, 2022. Details to follow.

Jennifer Martens

Archives Report 2020

The archive department is always a busy place. We have a wonderful group of talented, dedicated volunteers who make the job fun. We were saddened by the passing of our long-time volunteer, Erna Block last year, who spent many years working to sort and catalogue photos and made a significant contribution to the archives. Joan Enns has taken over Erna's role and is doing a great job! Helen Nickel & Hildegard Baerg have added hundreds of these photos into MAID this past year. Laura Unger continues her work with the John B. Toews collection, sorting, organizing and entering the information into MAID. Julia Toews and Linda Klassen are working with printed records and are nearing the end of a large project. Janet Brock has recently joined us and has already been a valuable addition to our team. The cold room reorganization begun by Dolores Harder is also nearing completion and has benefited us in a number of ways. We're so happy that Dolores is still involved in all aspects of MAID and continues to be a valuable help and support to us. We've had several new jobs come in and we won't be running out of work anytime soon! We would love to have new volunteers join us, particularly those who are detail oriented and love history. We've had so many interesting things entrusted to us and it's a privilege to work to preserve these records and photos and to make them available to the public.

Submitted by Linda Klassen
Director

Newsletter - *Roots and Branches*

As an editorial committee, in 2020 we once again produced three full-length issues of *Roots and Branches* as well as a shorter special Christmas edition. Robert Martens and Maryann Tjart Jantzen take turns as editors of the full-length issues, with Julia Toews and Louise Price as associate editors in charge of choosing pictures and also offering advice on content and layout. All of the editors also contribute articles, some more than others (thankyou, Robert Martens!). Julia and Louise have again done a wonderful job putting together the shorter Christmas issue. Heather Pauls Murray continues to do valuable work formatting each issue for printing. Other members of the larger *Roots and Branches* committee continue to provide feedback on potential articles. And Historical Society staff faithfully make sure each issue is printed and mailed to members in a timely fashion. I am very thankful for such creative and collegial co-workers; they making putting together each issue a pleasure. We also continue to solicit and print articles by guest authors on a variety of issues that would be of interest to Historical Society members and other readers.

The February issue featured stories of how individuals Mennonites from the past “lived, loved, endured, and dealt with the horrors and routines of their time”; the May issue focused on highlighting the work of MCC in significant areas over the last one hundred years; and the September issue explored Mennonite wanderings to various part of the globe. In addition, each issue included additional articles on diverse historical topics and artwork by local artists, along with book reviews, event reports, a genealogy column, relevant news releases, and announcements of upcoming events.

Our policy is to try to provide a broad range of material so that all readers will find something of interest. We welcome receiving any of the following: letters and photos from the past; “mystery” pictures that need identification; short personal narratives; book reviews; biographical sketches; articles of historical interest. Contributions can be in English or German (we will translate). All contributions are subject to editorial approval and revision, as needed.

Please direct any letters, comments or questions to the Newsletter Committee c/o the Mennonite Historical Society of BC, or email archives@mhsbc.com.

Maryann Tjart Jantzen
MHSBC director and *Roots and Branches* co-editor.

Website and Computer Technical Committee

Members: Elmer Wiens (Chair), Jennifer Martens, Richard Thiessen (ex officio)

Objectives: The committee was formed to discuss and implement improvements to the www.MHSBC.com website, and changes to the MHSBC computer facilities, scanners, software, etc.

Jennifer Martens and Richard Thiessen handle the computer facilities at the MHSBC's offices. The following report deals with the www.MHSBC.com website.

Elmer Wiens works with Jennifer Martens and other members of the MHSBC Board and Staff to handle changes, updates, revisions, and troubleshooting on the website as events unfold. These changes, etc. occur frequently throughout the year requiring hands-on attention by the webmaster.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, all the planned events for 2020 were either postponed or cancelled. The posters for the postponed events remain on the website, ready to be activated when the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted,

The changes made to our website last year allow users to access the web pages easily and quickly.

The twenty links on the side navigation bar (Family Histories, Roots & Branches, etc.) permit users (with just one mouse click) to find quickly other important information.

The website combines Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) with existing HTML code, PHP, and Javascript so that the web pages display in a readable format on all devices and with all browsers.

The following list itemizes some features that available on the MHSBC website (1. – 6. same list as previous year).

1. Members of the Society can pay their membership dues online with PayPal. Alternatively, they can submit their membership information on an online form and then be invoiced by MHSBC.

(<http://www.mhsbc.com/memberships.php>)

2. Donations to MHSBC can be made by way of PayPal (<http://www.mhsbc.com/donations.php>) Sponsors can view and print a .PDF document with sponsorship details

(http://www.mhsbc.com/pdfs/mhsbc_sponsor_event.pdf).

3. Potential volunteers can complete and submit our online membership and volunteer form.

(<http://www.mhsbc.com/volunteers.php>)

4. Tickets to events like our Annual Fundraising Banquet can be purchased online through PayPal on the (http://www.mhsbc.com/futureevents/purchase_event.php) webpage.

5. MHSBC events and meeting are posted on the website entry page and the Future Events web page http://www.mhsbc.com/futureevents/mhsbc_events.php

6. Once the event is over, the event details are transferred to the Past Events web page.

(<http://www.mhsbc.com/pastevents.php>) This web page provides a list of past events, accessible by year, going back over a decade to November 2004.

7. Editions of Roots and Branches are available on line one year after publication, archived back to 1995.

It has been my pleasure to continue working on these tasks this year.

Displayed on below are the web page views for each month for 2020. The January page views are for the last week of January 2020.

2020

Total Views	Website page	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
701	/mhsbc/agm/index.php	11	30	16	5	9	11	12	7	1	12	7	9
1702	/mhsbc/board.php	9	33	21	18	25	29	31	24	10	37	27	20
1703	/mhsbc/bookreviews.php	10	43	25	16	29	18	16	23	20	22	18	13
1704	/mhsbc/donations.php	5	43	16	27	27	8	15	32	14	10	18	41
1890	/mhsbc/donations_cancel.php	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	4
1771	/mhsbc/donations_success.php	0	0	5	0	5	0	1	5	3	3	9	20
1705	/mhsbc/employment.php	9	26	13	7	18	15	8	16	7	6	7	8
1706	/mhsbc/famhistories.php	69	305	215	196	201	189	193	180	474	256	205	191
1707	/mhsbc/futureevents/genealogical_event.php	1	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
1733	/mhsbc/futureevents/genealogical_event_cancel.php	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1734	/mhsbc/futureevents/genealogical_event_success.php	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1708	/mhsbc/futureevents/mhm_events.php	21	35	42	15	22	9	10	14	8	18	5	7
1709	/mhsbc/futureevents/mhm_events_planned.php	3	6	3	3	3	5	0	2	1	2	1	1
1710	/mhsbc/futureevents/mhsbc_events.php	47	133	93	22	19	24	24	13	21	29	11	13
1711	/mhsbc/futureevents/mhsbc_events_planned.php	8	11	7	1	2	5	0	0	3	2	3	1
1712	/mhsbc/futureevents/purchase_event.php	58	319	78	17	9	7	11	11	5	8	0	6
1735	/mhsbc/futureevents/purchase_event_cancel.php	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1736	/mhsbc/futureevents/purchase_event_success.php	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1713	/mhsbc/genealogy.php	32	227	142	147	160	160	122	140	142	147	116	162
1714	/mhsbc/holdings.php	11	43	28	30	33	28	39	29	24	19	19	13
1715	/mhsbc/index.php	215	847	406	273	370	340	317	333	335	426	333	332
1716	/mhsbc/memberships.php	12	146	30	15	45	26	118	34	28	115	12	43
1772	/mhsbc/memberships_cancel.php	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1737	/mhsbc/memberships_success.php	0	2	4	0	3	0	6	1	2	1	0	4
1717	/mhsbc/mission.php	7	39	23	24	22	19	15	34	27	26	17	21
1718	/mhsbc/newsletters.php	44	151	78	67	65	91	48	58	74	127	60	83
1719	/mhsbc/pastevents.php	8	105	18	15	21	16	24	32	12	18	7	16
1720	/mhsbc/research_articles.php	13	41	36	22	36	21	20	34	24	25	22	17
1721	/mhsbc/sales.php	21	35	21	19	25	14	12	94	27	11	18	18
1722	/mhsbc/societies.php	42	33	20	22	22	16	14	17	16	15	11	11
1724	/mhsbc/volunteers.php	5	40	34	24	14	13	16	13	11	14	9	1

Respectfully submitted
by Elmer G. Wiens, Webmaster

Mennonite Historical Society of BC – 2020 Financial Reports

To state the obvious, 2020 has been an unpredictable year with the museum and society offices closed for much of the year and many of the public activities postponed. Despite the closures there has been work done behind the scenes to keep the operations going.

2020 Receipts and Disbursements

The society received donations totalling \$70,078 which was behind budget, however better than expected partly due to the phone and mail out campaigns. The lack of any fundraising income was mitigated by the receipt of government assistance of \$13,444. Most of the other areas of income were behind budget due to the museum closures.

In 2020 the society received \$110,577, the remainder of the funds for the Mennonites in BC publication which has been put into a separate fund to be used over the next few years.

In 2020 all staff remained in place. Most of the non-staff expense items were favorable to budget due to the reduced activities. The only significant expense variance was \$25,000 for the Mennonite in BC project due to the later than expected start of the project.

Endowment Fund

The Endowment fund has been established over previous years through special donations for the purpose of providing future income streams for the operations of the society. The management of funds were assigned to Edward Jones in 2019. The Endowment fund realized a market value return of 6.32% with \$22,000 withdrawn from the fund for operations of the society.

In 2020, the society realized an operating surplus of \$7,250 against a budget surplus of \$17,366 an unfavorable variance of \$10,116.

2021 Budget

The 2021 proposed budget is also presented, based on normal operations emerging from the Covid restrictions. One significant item in the budget is \$8,000 included in the technology line to significantly upgrade the data storage capacity due to ongoing imaging of documents.

The 2021 budget results in an operating deficit of \$17,194 which is expected to be covered sufficiently by the current operating funds.

Submitted,
Rod Ewert, Treasurer Mennonite Historical Society of BC.

Mennonite Historical Society of BC Statement of Funds and Equity as at Dec 31, 2020	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2020 Change	2021 Budget
Cash & Investments				
Funds				
Petty Cash	200	200	-	200
Chequing, Envision	10,101	49,669	39,567	48,675
Savings, ENVISION	33,179	-	(33,179)	-
US\$, ENVISION	572	1,745	1,173	1,745
Stewardship Account, MBCONF	-	-	-	-
EWZ Project	2,966	899	(2,067)	-
Digitalization Project	7,477	10,981	3,505	9,981
Mennonites in BC Project	9,660	120,245	110,585	130,245
Shares	1,081	1,113	32	1,113
MHSBC SPECIAL PROJECTS	-	-	-	-
Total Funds	65,235	184,852	119,617	191,959
Accounts Receivable and Prepaid				
GST Receivable	44	1,096	1,053	-
Accounts Receivable MMS	7,023	6,206	(817)	-
Prepaid Expenses	500	-	(500)	-
Total Accounts Receivable	7,566	7,302	(264)	-
Endowment, Cash				
Endowment, Book Value	546,131	568,042	21,911	582,028
Endowment, Mark to Market	21,911	13,986	(7,925)	7,100
Total Investments	568,042	582,028	13,986	589,128
Total Cash & Investments	640,843	774,181	133,338	781,087
Accounts Payable and Equity				
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-
Equity	551,208	640,843	89,635	774,181
Interim Equity	89,635	133,338	43,703	6,906
Total Accounts Payable and Equity	640,843	774,181	133,338	781,087

Mennonite Historical Society of BC, Dec 31, 2020	2019	2020	2020	2020	2021
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements	Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance	Budget
Receipts					
Donations & Membership					
Donations, General	72,247	70,078	80,000	(9,922)	70,000
Donations, Digitization Project	5,000	7,000	5,000	2,000	7,000
Donations, EWZ Project	-	-	-	-	-
Mennonites in BC Project	9,660	110,571	110,577	(6)	10,000
Membership	10,480	8,755	12,000	(3,245)	10,000
Fund Raising Events	15,518	1,747	15,000	(13,253)	-
Total Donations and Membership	112,905	198,151	222,577	(24,426)	97,000
Investments					
Interest	156	123	200	(77)	200
Investment Income	22,000	22,000	22,000	-	22,000
Mark to Market Gain (loss)	82,938	13,986	6,000	7,986	7,100
Total Investments	105,094	36,109	28,200	7,909	29,300
Other Income					
Book Sales	2,325	459	2,000	(1,541)	1,000
DVD/CD/Tape Sales	1,919	1,233	2,500	(1,267)	1,500
Genealogy Research	1,344	1,593	1,000	593	1,500
GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE	-	13,444	-	13,444	-
Miscellaneous Income	484	1,314	1,000	314	500
Total Other Income	6,072	18,043	6,500	11,543	4,500
Total Receipts	224,070	252,302	257,277	(4,975)	130,800
Disbursements					
Personnel Expenses					
Wages & Benefits	91,822	95,232	95,000	(232)	97,000
Training	200	-	1,000	1,000	-
Travel	424	2,582	1,000	(1,582)	1,000
Total Personnel Expenses	92,446	97,814	97,000	(814)	98,000
Administrative Expenses					
Office	1,952	2,156	2,500	344	2,500
Photocopy Expense	1,677	2,175	2,500	325	2,500
Phones	1,868	1,991	2,000	9	2,000
Technology	3,178	2,688	3,500	812	10,200
Postage	1,255	854	1,400	546	1,000
Insurance	500	578	600	22	600
Legal	40	-	100	100	100
Fees	1,394	903	1,500	597	1,000
Total Administrative Expenses	11,864	11,345	14,100	2,755	19,900
Operations Expenses					
Annual General Meeting	1,645	401	2,000	1,599	500
Archival/Library Supplies	947	1,566	1,500	(66)	1,000
Dues and Subscriptions	1,491	1,377	2,000	623	2,000
DVD/CD/Tape Purchases	1,020	-	1,500	1,500	500
Equipment	25	-	1,000	1,000	500
Digitization Project Expense	24,511	3,448	-	(3,448)	-
EWZ Project Expense	14	2,020	2,966	946	-
Mennonites in BC History Book Project	-	-	25,000	25,000	-
Lectures and Events	2,726	793	2,500	1,707	5,000
Newsletter	2,579	4,107	3,000	(1,107)	4,000
Publicity	70	-	500	500	-
Banquet Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Expense	445	27	1,000	973	1,000
Total Operations Expenses	35,474	13,740	42,966	29,226	14,500
Cost Sharing					
Facility Cost Sharing	36,041	36,834	36,834	-	37,645
Payroll Cost Sharing	(40,109)	(40,200)	(43,400)	(3,200)	(44,173)
Technology & Office Sharing	(1,280)	(569)	(1,200)	(631)	(1,978)
Net MMS Cost Sharing Expense	(5,348)	(3,935)	(7,766)	(3,831)	(8,506)
Total Disbursements	134,435	118,964	146,300	27,336	123,894
Net Receipts and Disbursements	89,635	133,338	110,977	22,361	6,906
Operational Surplus (Deficit)	16,563	7,250	17,366	(10,116)	(17,194)

