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**La Crosse County Historical Society's**



**Annual Report**



**January 1 - December 31, 2018**



**La Crosse County Historical Society discovers, collects, preserves, and shares the history of La Crosse County, Wisconsin.**

Photos by Phil S Addis

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# Laying the Groundwork for the Future

As I look back on 2018 I am struck by two themes: continued focus on quality programming and preparation the future. The Board of Directors has committed themselves to the goal of a new history center for the Coulee Region. That immediately raises the question of “How does LCHS become the organization that can successfully fulfill our mission on a larger scale?”

The answer to that is multifold. First, we continue to work our way through the self-assessment program for history museums, called StEPs, in order to meet national museum standards and professionalize our operations.

Second, we invest time and resources into new programs, one of which, the *Juxtapose* exhibition, is now up on display at the La Crosse Public Library. I highly recommend you visit it before it ends on July 13: with our extensive artifact collection and the expertise of staff and volunteers, this exhibition is the tip of the iceberg of the quality programming LCHS is capable of creating.

And thirdly, we continue trying to grow our capacity and support in the community. LCHS is only as strong as its member base and financial support. Our membership grew in 2018 by nearly 15%. As members, you are strong supporters, and can be proud of what your organization is accomplishing.

-Peggy Derrick, Executive Director

LCHS made more great progress in 2018. The New Museum Task Force is about to begin feasibility studies, and we have begun the search for potential locations and even toured some sites.

The board continues to work on strategic planning using a couple of different formats. Our sessions with Shapiro Strategies have been followed up with sessions led by our new board member, John Dudkiewicz, and we continue to work on the Standards and Excellence Program for History Organizations sponsored by the American Association for State and Local History. Through the StEPs project, we work on improving our processes and policies in all aspects of museum management, such as Finance, Governance, Collections Management, and Audience Engagement.

2019 brings us to the opening of the *Juxtapose* exhibit which is an indicator of what we could be doing with a flexible museum space that is accessible to the public. LCHS continues to maintain financial stability and wonderful, engaging programming.

Thank you for your continued support of LCHS.

-Candace Brown, Board President

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## 2018 by the Numbers



3,000+ volunteer Hours

5,200+ Museum Visitors



Nearly 300 Memberships

6,800+ online artifact visitors



300+ Artifact Donations



600+ Event Participants



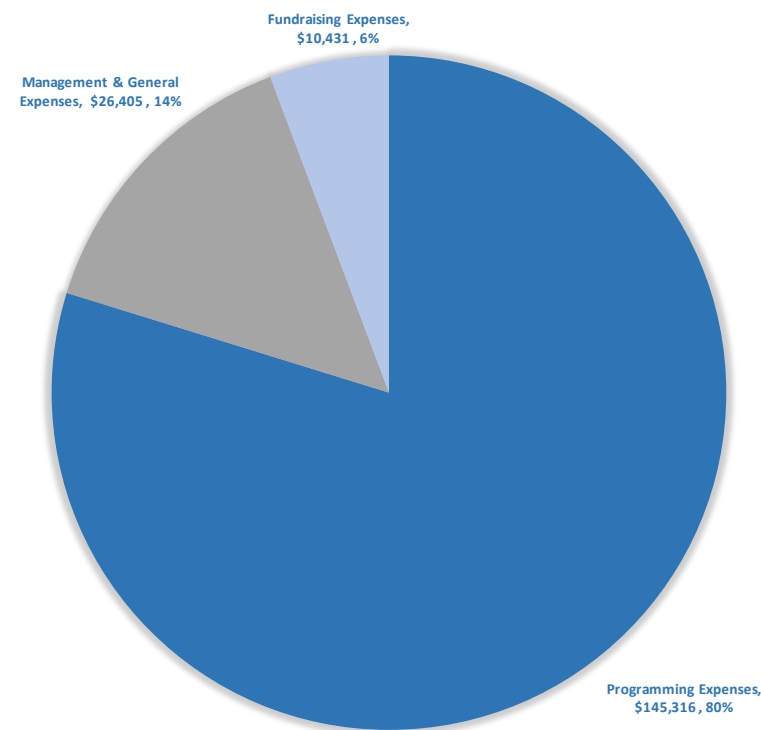
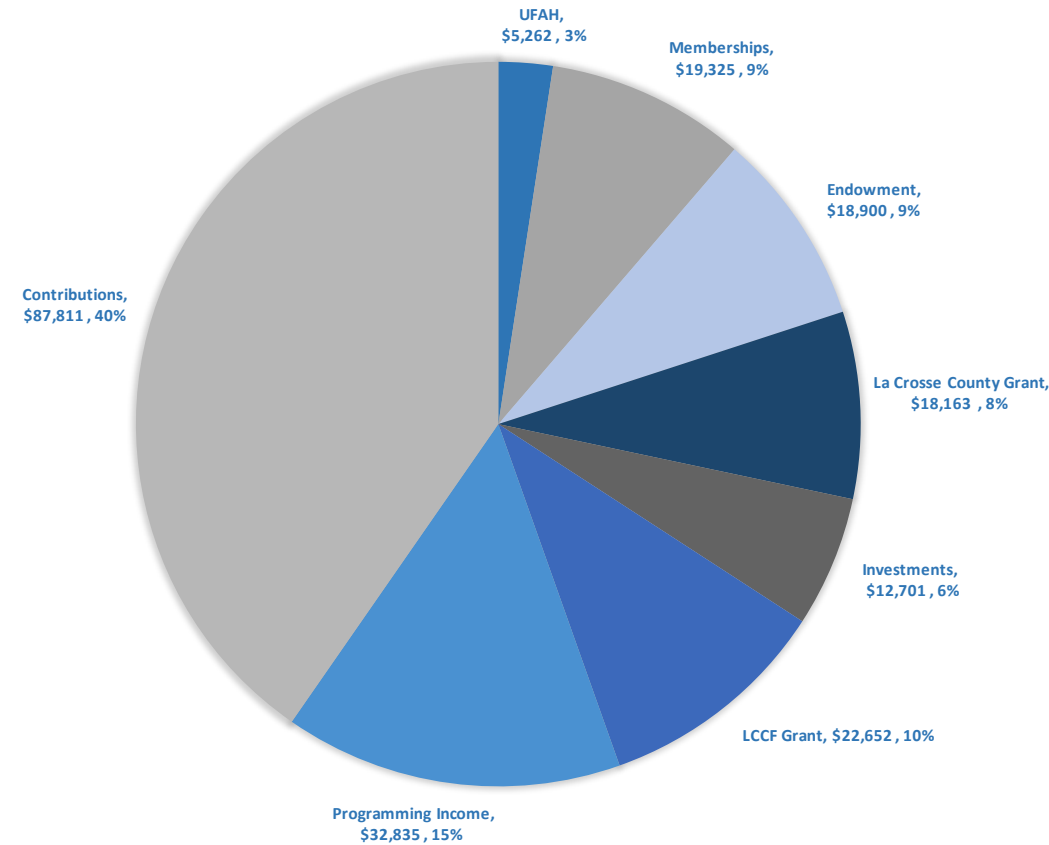
“As long time residents of La Crosse and the surrounding community we have a deep appreciation for the value the region’s history brings. History provides a deep understanding the very foundation for our future.

It is by understanding our cultural and physical past that we improve and expand the success of our present and future generations. This is why we belong and financially support the La Crosse Historical Society”

-Dr. Sig & Jean Ann Gundersen III

## 2018 Financials

Support &  
Revenue  
\$217,649



Expenses  
\$182,152

1. Call to order
2. Count of voting members present.
3. Approval of 2018 minutes
4. Approval of board member appointments: New: Robert Mullen, John Dudkiewicz
5. Approval of Bylaw changes
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

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### Annual Meeting Minutes June 14, 2018

Meeting was held at the Freight House with social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner. Approximately 37 people in attendance.

1. The following people were nominated to serve on the LCHS Board: Billy Bergeron, Sue Carskadon, Marissa Dickinson and Jean Lund were accepted as new board members and Candace Brown was renewed. Charles Hass moved to approve these new board members; seconded by Paul Beck. MSP
2. By-Law Changes:
  - a. Term Limits: board members will have a term limit of three years with a renewal of three more years for a limit of two terms. Page 3; Article 4, Section B (removal) *“Each director shall serve no more than two (2) full consecutive terms. Discussion from membership regarding description of this section—confusing language. Candace agreed to review this policy with the Board and bring changes in language to the 2019 Annual Meeting. [3 nay votes; remainder aye votes]*
  - b. Page 4; Article 2, Section D: All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money of \$500 or more shall require two signatures by authorized signers. *Motion made by Joe Thiesen and seconded by Paul Beck. MSP*
  - c. Page 4; Article 5, The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Corporation any contributions, gifts, or bequests excluding items for accession to the collection. *Motion made by Dave Lange and seconded by Paul Beck to approve this motion. MSP*
  - d. Page 6; Article 1, The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Corporation (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, (and past president). *Motion made by John Satory and seconded by Toni Asher. MSP*
  - e. Page 4; Article V, Section A: The officers of the Corporation shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of directors may elect, or appoint other officers including one or more Assistant Secretaries and/or Treasurers as is deemed necessary. The Vice-President shall also serve as President Elect. Such officers are to have the authority to perform the usual duties of such offices in conformity to state statute and Robert’s Rules of Order and may assume such other duties as the Board may request, among which may be the chairmanship of Standing or Special committees. The term of each elective office of the Board shall be one year with the option for election of subsequent term(s) not to exceed six (6). *Motion made by Dave Lange and seconded by Paul Beck. MSP*

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. by Dave Lange and seconded by John Satory.

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Finn, Secretary