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French-American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota

2017 Annual Report of French-American Heritage Foundation



St. Anthony Falls in Minneapolis as they looked when first seen by Father Louis Hennepin in 1680.
Picture by Albert Bierstadt (1830-1902)



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Mission Statement:

To promote and cultivate the heritage of French-language cultures.

The French-American Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable non-profit organization with the primary purpose of promoting and sponsoring French Heritage events in Minnesota. Our Mission Statement:

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French-language heritage has played an important role in the history of Minnesota. It is important and proper that this heritage be celebrated and remembered. The French-American Heritage foundation:

- Maintains a website and a Facebook page focused on French-language heritages
- Sponsors educational events focused on French heritage
- Sponsors educational materials and books about French heritage
- Posts Minnesota French-American family history and genealogy to our website
- Provides scholarships for French language and culture studies

Membership Structure

The Membership was structured so that 100% of the membership payment is tax deductible. IRS rules state that membership payments are fully deductible where there are no services given to members. Membership is annual and for the calendar year.

Members may make contributions to the website in the form of articles on French-American heritage, information on their genealogy and family history, and share resources that deal with French-American Heritage. Members are encouraged to volunteer to assist in activities the foundation sponsors, especially the Franco-Fête festival.

Please encourage family and friends to join and support the French-American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota.

2017 Accomplishments

Your Board of Directors is pleased to note the following accomplishments in 2017:

1. Regularly maintained our website at <http://fahfminn.org/> and added articles on French heritage, genealogy materials, and family history related to French-language cultures.
2. Conducted three “Minnesota with a French Accent” community Education Classes in the Twin Cities, including:
 - a. **September 5th to December 5th- Minnesota with a French Accent Classes.** St. Michael/Albertville Senior Center- (Crow River Senior Center, 11800 Town Center Drive NE, Suite 200, St. Michael, 55376 at 10 a.m. dates: September 5, October 17, November 7 and December 5th. To register contact Heidi Dehmer at 763-497-6550. Website is www.stma.ce.eleyo.com.
 - b. **November 6th to November 27th- Minnesota with a French Accent Classes.** Osseo Middle School, 10223 93rd Ave North, Maple Grove, MN. November 6, November 13, November 20 and November 27. Evening s from 6:30 to 8 p.m. To register contact Rob Sturdy at 763-391-7119 at 763-391-7119. Website is <http://district279.org/community-education>.
 - c. **September 20 to October 11th: Elk River: Minnesota with a French Accent Classes:** Wednesday Evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m at the Handke Center, 1170 Main Street, Elk River, MN 55330, Room 107, Door 5. September 20, September 27, October 4 and October 11. To register contact Jay Grammond at 763-241-3520. Website at communityed@728.Org. Class fee \$30.
3. **February 24, 2017**, Presentation by Joseph Amato titled: Paths and Road to Becoming French, and a Book-Loving Métis.
4. **April 29 2017-** Tour of Twin Cities buildings designed by architect Emmanuel Masqueray.
5. **July 10, 2017:** Participated in the “Bastille Day” celebration in St. Paul.
6. **October 6-7 2017:** Table at Minnesota Genealogical Society Fall annual conference.
7. **September 15, 2017- Heritage Storytelling Event-** September 15 at 6 p.m. at Banfill-Locke with music by Peggy Larson and Rocky Mios. Short stories addressing French and French-Canadian heritage in Minnesota.

8. **September 21, 2017 meeting- 6 p.m. at** Shoreview Library with Virgil Benoit and Little Canada Historical Society regarding French-Canadian Heritage and developing plans for 2018 Little Canada Days.
9. **October 28, 2017-** Hennepin County Family History Fair- Hennepin County Library
10. **October 29, 2017-** Family History Fair at Minneapolis Public Library.
11. **November 11, 2017- Eileen Angelini** –Our Lady of Lourdes Church
12. Awarded \$600 in scholarships to the Voyageur Program headed by François Fouquerel of the Lac Du Bois camp of the Concordia Language Villages.

Donations

The French-American Heritage Foundation needs donations in order to survive. We need those interested in preserving and promoting French-American Heritage in Minnesota to donate to our Foundation. All donations are tax deductible. As a way to assist the Foundation to raise donations, rack cards have been printed that provide prospective members with information about our foundation. Copies of these rack cards are shown below.

For donations or to show your support, simply write a check made payable to the French-American Heritage Foundation and mail to either Jerry Foley, Treasurer, 4736 Coffey Lane, Minneapolis, MN 55406, or to the French-American Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 25384, Woodbury, MN 55125. Donations can also be made by credit card thru PayPal on the French-American Heritage Foundation website at www.fafhminn.org.

Financial Report

Below is the 2017 financial report for the Foundation.

1. 2017 Income	
Sponsors	2,525.00
Sustaining Members	900.00
Supporting Members	300.00
Events	2,519.68
Book Sales	899.75
French Heritage Classes	69.00
Total	\$7,213.43
2. 2017 Expenses	
Vistaprint (flyers)	154.62
Concordia Scholarships	600.00
Events	2,038.01
Postage	0.00
Post Office Box	76.00
Book Publishing Costs	209.01
Website	28.34
Misc. expenses	40.50
Total	\$3,146.48

3. Cash Flow			
	2015	2016	2017
Assets Beginning of Year	\$3,012.54	\$4,975.31	\$5,251.86
Income	\$3,828.68	\$10,066.66	\$7,213.43
Expenses	-1,865.91	-\$9,790.11	-\$3,146.48
Net Cash Flow (loss)	\$1,962.77	\$276.55	\$4,066.95
Assets End of Year	\$4,975.31	\$5,251.86	\$9,418.72

4. Assets			
	2015	2016	2017
PayPal	387.00	227.84	\$1,001.78
Associated Bank	4588.31	4,937.53	\$8,416.94
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Current Asset Value	\$4,975.31	\$5,251.77	\$9,418.72

2018 Plans

2018 Events- Notes: Able to use Our Lady of Lourdes?? (cost \$250) or can use Banfill-Locke Center (cost \$100), or Little Canada History Center (cost ??).

- **January 27, 2018** Virgil Benoit event at Shoreview Community Library. Heritage Alive. Metro musicians, vignettes, La Compagnie.
- **March 10, 2018-** Minn. History with French Accent- Red Wing High School- 930am-2 pm
- **March 15, 2018-** Charles Coulombe, author of “Puritan’s Empire, a Catholic Perspective on American History.” is willing to come to twin cities to speak. He knows lot about history of Catholic church and French. Schedule March 17th at Little Canada History Center? Budget \$500 for speaker?
- **April 11, 2018** Jane Peck: Mary Antoine, historian from Prairie du Chien and Jane Peck will have completed research and articles on French and Metis. Budget \$218 for Travel. Communities of the Mississippi River, Prairie du Chien to St. Paul. She and Jane Peck would be willing to do a presentation on our research at a winter event.
- **April 15, 2018-** Urban Expeditions- Landmark Center event showcasing France, French history, culture and people. No cost to have a table at event.
- **June 24, 2018-** Fete St. Jean Baptiste - Jane Peck and Dick Bernard will chair
- **July 15, 2018-** Bastille Day- July 15, 2018- Anyone willing to volunteer
- **August 10, 2018-** Sibley House Heritage Presentation by Mark Labine on early French Speaking settlement in St. Paul/Mendota

- **August 15, 2018-** Marty Guidry? Around Mardi Gras? Would give a talk about Acadian Deportations and why some Acadians went to Atlantic Seaboard, some to England and some to France. Budget \$400 for travel. New Riverside Ramblers Cajun Band). August 15th is National Acadian Day in Canada. Do program at Vieux Carré speakeasy in St. Paul.
- **November 2018?** Polish-French Heritage Event. November? Celebrate two great heroes of Revolution, Polish General Andrew Kościuszko and French General Marquis Lafayette.
- Set up table at Family History Day in Hennepin County and at MGS Annual conference?