



The Slater Area Historical Association

2025 Annual Membership Meeting

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WELCOME FROM OUR PRESIDENT

WELCOME TO THE 2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Slater Area Historical Association has three parts:

- The BUILDING – which houses collectibles dating back to the emergence of our town.
- The BOARD MEMBERS – who volunteer their time and talents to preserve and showcase these collections.
- YOU – who donate the treasures with the trust that they will be properly cared for and displayed, and who donate funds to ensure it all happens.

Watch and listen to the presenters who will showcase what has been accomplished and what is still to come. Thank you for joining us!

THANK YOU!

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Barb Mallon

Board of Directors

President – Barb Mallon

Vice President – Elaine Raines

Secretary – Louise O'Donnell

Treasurer – Evy Raes

Nancy Nelson

Mary O'Donnell

Don Rimathe

Robert Vespestad

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ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2024

(Full minutes available on the website.)

- **2024 budget duplicates 2023 with an increase of 16% in income. Expenditures are budgeted to be down by 15% with decreases in exhibit expenses.**
- **Donations on Facebook brought in \$1500 last year.**
- **All Board members volunteered for the coming year. There were no other nominations.**
- **We have 325 active members representing 30 states and 795 followers on social media including 7 foreign countries. Our media presence attracts 3-4 thousand a month.**
- **We had approximately 450 visitors from 10 states and 2 foreign countries.**
- **SAHA mounted a large exhibit of the Vietnam era with a reception and luncheon for 40 area Vietnam veterans and their families.**
- **We published a book about the Vietnam exhibit.**

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ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2024 (Cont'd)

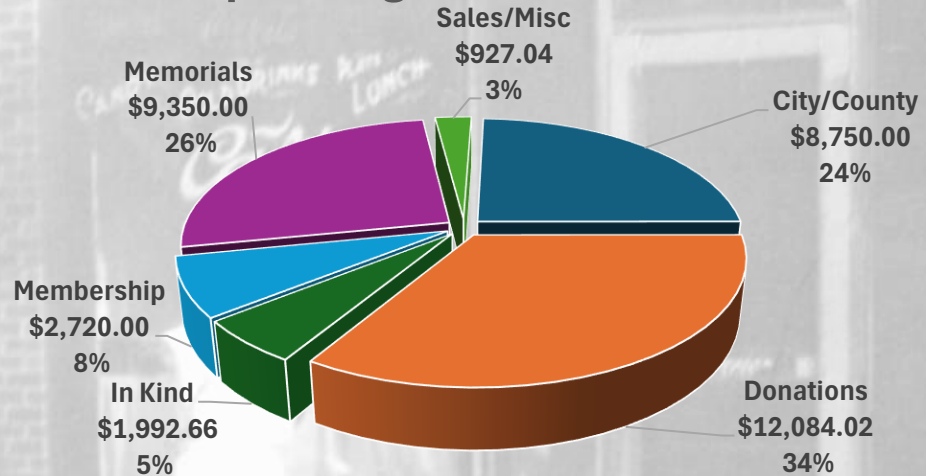
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- **Three other exhibits were mounted and we had a float in the 4th of July parade.**
- **The completion of the STEPS program with the Iowa Museum Association resulted in the development of a ● Volunteer Brochure, ● QR codes for exhibit information, ● an Exhibit Planning Guide, and ● an accessioning/deaccessioning guide.**
- **Other achievements in 2023 included the completion of a digital newspaper website instruction manual.**
- **Planned projects for 2024 include continued development of the History of Main Street Slater; development of a walking tour and an exhibit of “The Town That Moved”; erection of an interchangeable sign, bike rack, and bench on the High Trestle Trail, and erection of another sign on the Heart of Iowa Trail.**

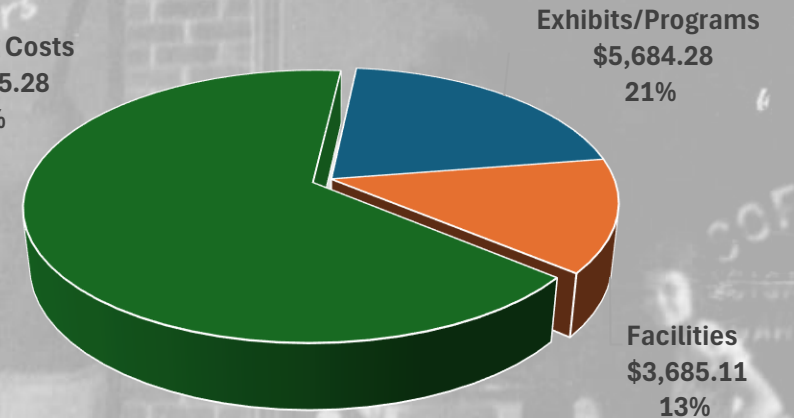
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TREASURER'S REPORT 2024 FINANCIALS

Operating Income 2024



Operating Expense 2024



LONG TERM INVESTEMENTS:

\$84,793

OPERATING RESERVES
TOTAL OPERATING RESERVES
AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2024
\$26,213

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2025 Proposed Budget

SAHA2024			SAHA 2025	
CREDITS	Budgeted Income	Actual	CREDITS	Budgeted Income
Capital One Reward	\$ -	\$ 93.07	Capital One Reward	\$ 100.00
City of Slater	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	City of Slater	\$ 2,900.00
Donation:In Kind	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,992.66	Donation:In Kind	\$ 1,000.00
Donation:Memorials	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,350.00	Donation:Memorials	\$ 6,000.00
Donations: Operating Expenses	\$10,000.00	\$11,990.95	Donations: Operating Expenses	\$10,000.00
Facility Maintenance Fund Trf	\$ 500.00	\$ -	Facility Maintenance Fund Trf	\$ -
Fundraising	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	Fundraising	\$ 2,500.00
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	Grants	\$ -
Memberships	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,720.00	Memberships	\$ 2,500.00
Misc.	\$ 200.00	\$ 118.04	Misc.	\$ 200.00
Sales	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 809.00	Sales	\$ 1,000.00
Story County	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,750.00	Story County	\$ 3,750.00
Total	\$31,100.00	\$35,823.72	Total	\$29,950.00

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2025 Proposed Budget

SAHA2024			SAHA 2025	
DEBITS	Budgeted Expenses	Actual	DEBITS	Budgeted Expenses
Cost of goods	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 87.50	Cost of goods	\$ 400.00
Exhibits & Projects	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,596.78	Exhibits & Projects	\$ 4,000.00
Facility Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Facility Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Facilities, Furnishings, etc.	\$ -	\$ -	Facilities, Furnishings, etc.	\$ -
Fund Raising Costs	\$ 400.00	\$ -	Fund Raising Costs	\$ 400.00
General Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,685.11	General Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00
Grant Application Expense	\$ -	\$ -	Grant Applications Expense	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 4,822.34	Insurance	\$ 4,900.00
Misc. & supplies (office, etc.)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,625.08	Misc. & supplies (office, etc.)	\$ 2,000.00
Newspapers	\$ 480.00	\$ -	Newspapers	\$ 250.00
Online Giving Expense	\$ 60.00	\$ 47.98	Online Giving Expense	\$ 60.00
Postage	\$ 400.00	\$ 961.32	Postage	\$ 900.00
Printing	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,513.00	Printing	\$ 1,500.00
Professional memberships	\$ 150.00	\$ 183.00	Professional memberships	\$ 150.00
Publications	\$ 50.00	\$ -	Publications	\$ 50.00
Telephone	\$ 500.00	\$ 540.56	Telephone	\$ 550.00
Trash, snow & lawncare	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,300.00	Trash, snow & lawn care	\$ 1,300.00
Utilities:electric/gas	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 5,392.56	Utilities:electric/gas	\$ 5,000.00
Web Costs	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,499.44	Web Costs	\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$25,149.66	\$27,254.67	Total	\$25,960.00

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2025 MEMBERSHIP

- 385 Active members
- Representing 30 states from Alaska to Wyoming
- Over 810 followers on social media
- Average engagements per month on social media = 3 – 4 thousand



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ELECTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2025

- All board members have agreed to another term
- Monthly meetings held on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m.
- Nominations from the members?
- Election of Board

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2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

- Over 520 visitors and program attendees
- Out of state visitors traveled from 13 states, from California to Maine, and from several countries, including Germany and Norway
- Special groups included the Old Duffers, Ballard Class of 1964, as well as classes from Ballard West Elementary
- With the American Legion, presented a float in the 4th of July Parade
- Planning and installing the Hobo Jungle rest stop and historical marker on the High Trestle Trail

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Exhibits and Presentations

- *Stories of Our Vietnam Veterans*
- *Valentine's Day, revisited*
- *Easter in a Small Town, revisited*
- *Aprons – The Ties That Bind presented at Northcrest*
- *Off Site Exhibit – Historical Marker Trail Sign at the Slater Arboretum*
- *Off Site Exhibit – Historical Marker Trail Sign on the High Trestle Trail*
- *Slater Main Street Exhibit*
- *Slater Main Street Exhibit presented at the Slater Library*
- *Dear Santa 1970's Edition*
- *Unsung Heroes of WWI – Continuing*
- *Continuing exhibits including The Big Cow and many more*

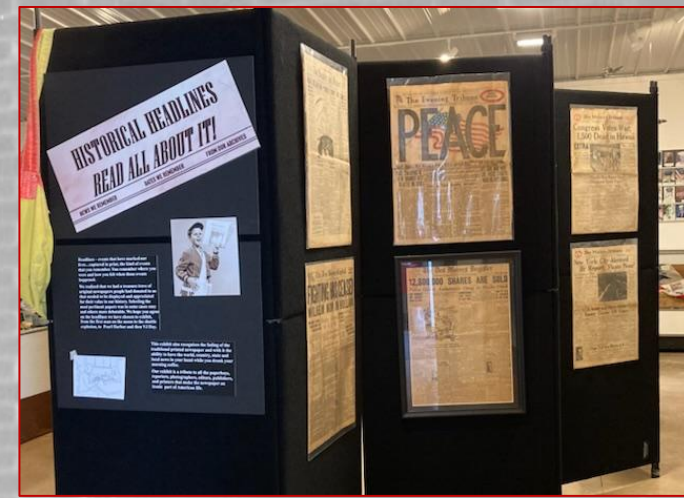


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Future Projects

- Grand opening of Hobo Jungle historical rest stop
- Designation as a National Heritage Site of the Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area
- Acquisition of a boxcar for the Hobo Jungle historical rest stop
- Historic Headlines: Read All About It exhibit
- Development of the Town That Moved exhibit
- Slater Big Hats program/exhibit
- Merchandise additions to the Hobo Jungle Gift Shop



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Adjournment

Thank you for your continued support!

We look forward to providing our members and visitors with new and exciting ways to present history.

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YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

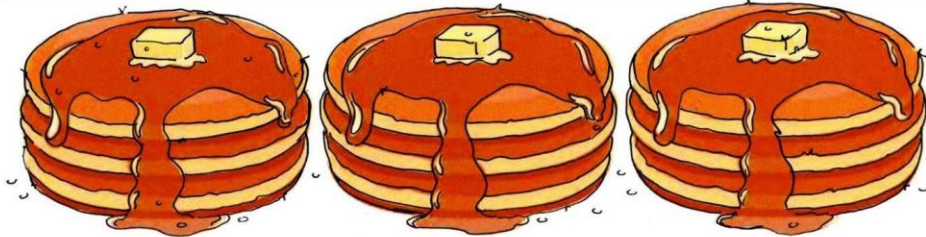
SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPER

SIT DOWN WITH YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR
FAMILY, AND US!

*chili? popcorn? leftovers? TV dinners? grilled cheese?
tomato soup? chips? peanut butter & jelly? cold pizza?*

NO!

IT'S PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE TIME!



SUNDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 16, 5-7 P.M.

HERITAGE HALL MUSEUM

318 FIRST AVENUE, SLATER

FREE WILL DONATION

Bring the Whole Family!