

Hingham Girl Scout House

President's Report of 2016



Summary

2016 saw the completion of the 3-year historic preservation project, ending with a celebration in June, and the kickoff of a multi-year project to provide accessibility.

Approximately \$34,700 was spent in improvements in 2016. Annual operating expenses ran \$7,000, about \$2,000 less than anticipated due to a large refund on insurance policies.

Board of Directors

In 2016, we had continuity in the board with an experienced, professional, and dedicated Board of Directors. Board members combined their talent to deliver smooth operations and cost efficient improvements.

2016 Projects completed

- \$16,300 New doors, locks, gutters & downspouts (final preservation items)
- 6,360 Main hall, kitchen, basement, hallway, exterior lighting & GFI
- 3,730 Front walk, front underground drains, loam and seed
- 3,530 GS emblem replaced in gold leaf, refinished carved banner
- 1,200 2 new storage cabinets for the main hall
- 1,155 2 new stoves
- 980 Ceiling repair
- 700 Hot water tank replaced
- 440 Window shades replaced
- 200 Second dehumidifier added
- 100 Remote monitor installed to report leaks, temperature, humidity, Wi-Fi access
- Eagle Project by Jack McGirr, tying 3 rear downspouts to underground drains

Current Board Members 12/31/2016

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Cheryl Arbeene
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Peg Doyle, President
Stephanie Torski, Treasurer
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Mary Bell
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Funding

Most of the income in 2016 came from donations and grants, which made up 77% of total income, well within the 33% guidelines for a 501(c)(3). Usage fees made up 21% of income; rentals 2% of income.

Our long-term strategy continues to be building a self-sustaining source of income from Girl Scout usage fees and private rentals, such that individual Hingham Girl Scouts are not required to organize fundraising activities for day-to-day operating expenses (utilities and insurance).

Usage Fees

2016 is the first year in which usage fees (\$8,010) exceeded operating expenses (\$7,000). Of the usage fee income, \$6,600 was donated by the Hingham Service Unit. If membership holds steady and out-of-town troops continue to use the property, 90% of the projected day-to-day operations will be funded by the Service Unit donations.

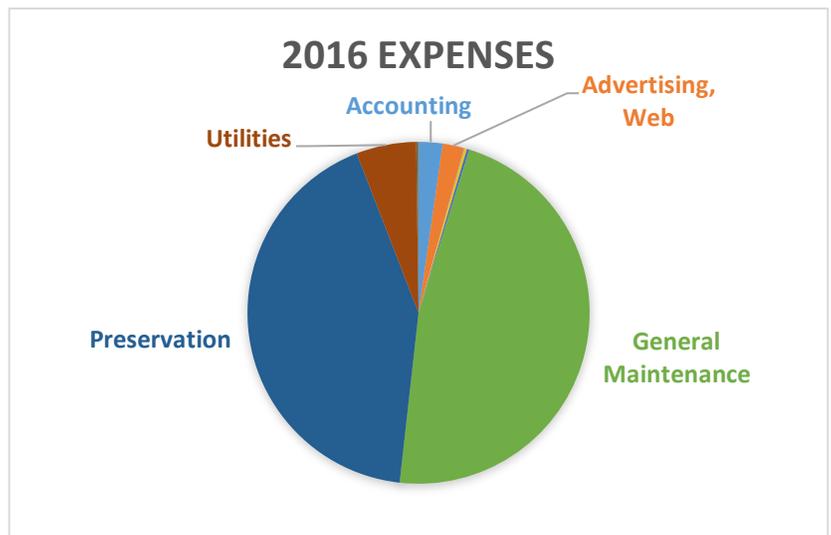
Donations and Grants

Donations and grants continue to be the major source of income for house improvements. We received \$9,772 from 92 generous donors, which includes \$1,500 donated from 4 Hingham Girl Scout Troops. The final CPC grant payment of \$16,000 was received.

Expense Summary

2016 was the third full year of operating without the funds of Girl Scouts of Eastern Mass. I am happy to report that the improvements over the past three years has enable us to **reduce our utility bills** from \$6,000 in 2014 to \$2,100 in 2016.

Accounting	\$	875
Advertising, Web	\$	775
Office Expenses	\$	31
Meetings	\$	80
Insurance		
(net after \$2,024 refund)	\$	(90)
General Maintenance	\$	18,075
Preservation	\$	16,300
Utilities	\$	2,181
Bank Charges	\$	55
Postage	\$	29



2017 Priorities

Moving forward, we continue to focus on (1) self-sustaining operations and (2) working toward full accessibility starting with an accessible handicap ramp.

I encourage our Board and all supporters to be strong ambassadors for the Girl Scout organization in any capacity they can.

Peg Doyle
President
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