



# BELTRAMI COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

FREE PUBLICATION

## Mission

*The mission of the Beltrami County Historical Society is to provide connections to county history through public archives, collections, interpretive exhibits, and programs that educate, invite dialogue, and inspire self-reflection.*

### Beltrami County Historical Society

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*The Beltrami County Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. Federal EIN: 41-1484638. State of Minnesota Tax ID: 6530934.*

## Financial Summary

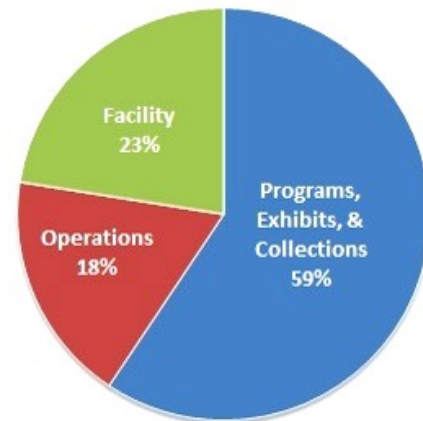
### 2015 Income

**\$62,706**



### 2015 Expenses

**\$85,558**



<b>Grants</b>	<b>\$16,334</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$15,290</b>
<b>Memberships</b>	<b>\$13,105</b>
<b>Admission, Research, &amp; Program Fees</b>	<b>\$8,129</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>\$4,480</b>
<b>Gift Shop</b>	<b>\$3,352</b>
<b>Investment</b>	<b>\$2,016</b>

<b>Programs, Exhibits, &amp; Collections</b>	<b>\$50,806</b>
<b>Facility</b>	<b>\$19,246</b>
<b>Operations</b>	<b>\$15,506</b>



In 2015, BCHS paid for more than \$20,000 of expenses with grant revenue awarded and recognized in 2014.



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# 8%

*BCHS membership continues to rise and increased by 8% in 2015.*

*Membership is up nearly 30% over the past two years.*

## 2015/2016 Board of Directors

Sharon Geisen (President)  
Steve Caron (Vice President)  
Linda L. Lemmer (Secretary)  
Andy Mack (Treasurer)  
Jim Aakhus  
Sue Bruns  
Leo Soukup  
Charlene Sturk

## Grants Received

**Minnesota Historical Society = \$8,424**

To acquire *Bemidji Pioneer* on microfilm (1962-1985)

**MDU Resources Foundation = \$1,000**

*Trails Through Time* exhibit updates

**United Way Bemidji = \$2,500**

Programs and operations  
(\$1,250 also dispersed in 2016)

**Beltrami County Development Grant = \$3,160**

Tourism brochures

**Northwest Minnesota Women's Fund = \$1,500**

Women's History Month Programs in 2016

## 2015 Highlights



**Exhibits:**  
*Trails Through Time*  
*Good Sports of the North*



## Thanks!

BCHS thanks all volunteers, members, donors, and other supporters who gave their dedication, time, talents, historical items, and financial support to help BCBS meet its mission and create new memories and stories in 2015.



**Events & Programs:**  
National Train Day  
The Night We Light Bonfire  
The History Mystery

