

Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation Presidents Annual Report 2015

" to preserve, restore, protect and maintain the historic structure in Waynesville, Missouri known as the "Old Stagecoach Stop" in order to permit its educational value to be appreciated by future generations; to engage in educational and charitable activities related to the "Old Stagecoach Stop".

The Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation year just ending has been a gratifying one. Our goal, as stated above, is most certainly being accomplished. We had a record number of people visit our House Museum this season, 1,724. This number is derived from our visitor's log and we know that there are those who fail to sign, so the number is most likely greater still. Our normal tour season is Saturdays from April through September, but due to dedicated volunteers, we are now able to host tour groups at other times. School groups continue to learn county history via our historic building and 2015 brought thirteen 4th grade classes this spring. The Route 66 Fests held on the square the third Saturday of March, June, and October brought an increased number of visitors those days. We have participated in Christmas on the Square since its beginning in 1997 and that one evening each year continues to hold the record for the most visitors for one event. We count the number of cups we serve of our coffee, cider, and hot chocolate and we used 600+ cups on December 4, 2014. The table filled with food, donated and prepared by our OSS board members, our warm, tasty beverages, delightful dulcimer music, and the inviting warmth of our fireplaces draw people into the building.

Two special events this season involved evening hours. The National Speleological Society Convention was held in Pulaski County in July and we accommodated the group by opening the evenings of July 14th and 16th. Another group requesting evening hours was the Rt. 66 Association Spoke and Hub Tour on Friday, September 11th. Those evenings brought new visitors from various states.

With a building the age of ours, there is never a year without maintenance issues. We began our tour season with repairs to the HVAC system which is now serving us well. Other issues that were troublesome but have been resolved were the leaking gutter along the front of the building and a malfunctioning fireplace in the Tavern.

May brought the volunteers from Waynesville Americorps VISTA Summer Associates completed a service project at the OSS. They cleared out the overgrown area of the backyard, and mopped, dusted , and cleaned inside the building. Their help was much appreciated.

In July our hardy group of volunteers turned ad salespersons delivered their bundles of the 2015 *Old Settlers Gazette* to our advertisers. The entire profit from this effort goes to the continued restoration and maintenance of our historic building. Sales, writing, editing, delivering are all done on a voluntary basis. The issues are much anticipated and we mail them throughout the U.S. And this year one was mailed to Qatar.

Our OSS website has become another key vehicle to help us fulfill our mission. The oldstagecoacstop.org is visited often and now with the historic pictures, and the archives of all the *Old Settlers Gazettes*, it is a place for researcher to gather information.

In 2015, as a Foundation, we continued our commitment toward the goals set by our founders. The building is well cared for and well used. We are an integral part of the community and provide many and varied activities and opportunities in and around the building.

Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation
Income Statement
*October 1, 2014 - October 31, 2015

Income

Donations	\$2,219.24
Memberships	710.00
Special Tours	282.00
Old Settlers Gazette Ad Sales	10,200.00
Museum Store Sales	1,143.23
Memorial Brick Sales	225.00

Total Income **\$14,779.47**

Expenses

Exhibits/Building Improvements	\$2,015.88
Maintenance (Mowing, Repairs)	1,646.23
Utilities	1,861.91
Operating Expenses (Insurance, Fees, Mailing)	809.92
Community Events (Supplies, Entertainment, Sponsorships)	1,078.98
Old Settlers Gazette (Printing cost and supplies)	2,758.02
Museum Store (Cost of items for resale)	279.22
Memorial Bricks (Cost of bricks and engraving)	150.00
Donations	100.00

Total Expenses **- \$10,700.16**

Net Income **\$4,079.31**

Balance from FY 2014 **+ **\$31,051.89**

Total Funds **\$35,131.20**

The Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation is a nonprofit organization under section 501(c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

*In 2015, the OSSF Board changed our accounting period to end on October 31 so that our season-ending October Appreciation Day income/expenses will be included in that fiscal year's financial statement, and to match the information on file with the IRS.

**Ending balance from FY 2014 was adjusted to include Old Settlers Gazette ad sales and other income for that fiscal year.