



Our annual reports are online at www.debencemusicworld.com. Details of past years spending are there, along with benchmarking to measure our performance.

Year 2018 Financial Situation News:

We had a good year financially so we were able to increase our Trust balance to \$77,000. All the income from it still goes right back into the Trust

We retained the Platinum level with GuideStar.

You can check out our Annual Reports on our website.

Some changes in our internet access have further reduced our utility expenses. The reduced cost to operate the new LED lighting shows each month.

Serving our Community

- 1) The fourth annual Snowflake Ball was held on Feb 8, with live music and about 64 in attendance. A fine time was had by all.
- 2) Our total attendance for the 2019 year was 3660, up some from 2018.
- 3) The Mini-Event program of free monthly one hour presentations continued, sponsored by the Rees Trust, with 2019 attendance of 495.
- 4) We provided space for several local organization meetings, and free storage for materials owned by The Venango Chamber Orchestra, the Silver Cornet Band, & The Historic Franklin Preservation Association.
- 5) Our repair of antique music machines for the public was continued.
- 6) Our free school tours program continued in 2019, at 273 students.
- 7) We offer low cost rental space for events or meetings in the third floor ballroom or the open

area in the basement, and had 17 groups take advantage of the offer in 2019.

8) On Saturday April 18, In cooperation with the Venango Museum in Oil City and the Venango County Historical Society we are participating in Venango County Museum Day and offering free admission.

Progress With the Collections:

1) We acquired a small portable 78 rpm phonograph called a Camp Fone. Walter Camp was known as "The Father of American Football". As a player, coach, and Sports writer he introduced the concepts of line of scrimmage, and the system of downs. About 1920 he narrated a series of exercise records for the New York Health Builders club. The records were intended to be played on a small portable phonograph called the Camp Fone. Our phonograph has been restored to playable condition and is now part of our first floor tour. We have 3 of the original records.

Visit us and hear the recorded voice of "The Father of American Football"



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song. They played a total of 1024 songs in 2019. The latest addition to the area was our Johnson nickelodeon, one of only two known survivors

5) Our one of a kind Band Organ developed issues indicating we needed to rebuild the transfer valves related to the duplex roll drive system. In so doing we discovered that sheep that were raised to yield large pieces of thin pouch leather are now slaughtered for meat before they get large enough to yield transfer valve size leather, so we had to learn to splice pieces for the job.

Progress on Improving the Building

1) An unrestricted Grant allowed us to carpet the raised floor areas in the third floor ballroom. This improves both appearance and acoustics.

2) As the museum got organized in the late 1990s we kept and accepted a lot of items because we “might be able to use them later”. As our display space has now been fully filled we are slowly rationalizing our collections. Items not in line with our goals have been sold or scrapped. We decided that peripherally

related items not needed or used for 18 years must go, so they were sold, recycled or junked.

Memorial or Honor Donations

We were saddened by the recent death of Jim Ashbaugh, one of our long time members who was also an active volunteer. Jim put in countless hours working on the building during our “Open All Floors” project, and his work will be appreciated and used for many years. A celebration of Jims’ life will be held in our Ballroom on May 23rd. All donations in his memory will be added to our Trust.

Our Opportunities

The Trust needs to be properly funded, and our reserve fund is smaller than recommended.

We still need some manikins.

We invite those of you not now sustaining members to join us. Our ability to get grants depends in part on our membership support. A family membership only costs \$50 per year

Please consider filling in the appropriate blanks, and returning your fully tax deductible donation in the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your past interest and we look forward to hearing from you. You may use Visa or MasterCard if you prefer.

Yes, I’d like to help you out with the building renovation and instrument restorations.

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