

Historic Onancock School

Annual Report 2019 - Executive Summary

The Friends of Onancock School are committed to establishing the Historic Onancock School and the 13 acre grounds as a vital and vibrant cultural and community center to benefit the Town of Onancock and the citizens of the entire Eastern Shore of Virginia. This report summarizes the major initiatives and accomplishments of the organization during 2019.

Strategic Plan

- The Board of Directors continue to focus on our Strategic Plan 2018-2021 completed in late 2017. This plan guides our efforts to improve the building and open spaces and to increase the value of the Historic Onancock School as a cultural and community center. The Goals are as follows:
 - o Continue to improve the building and open space of the Historic Onancock School
 - Ensure sufficient income to cover operational expenses and to increase contingency / capital funds
 - o Increase the usage of the building space and open space.
 - o Establish an identity which will capture the essence of who we are and what we do

Building and Open Space Improvements:

- Early 2019 saw a complete remodel of the community events room. The ceiling, lighting, and floor were replaced and upgraded and the room size increased to accommodate more rentals and use.
- The painting and repairs to exterior trim, doors and all porches has been completed. Improvements continue on the roof. Several rental spaces have been improved on both upper and lower level.
- Painting of the entire interior of the building has been completed, there is now a directory of tenants with room ID's in place. Lighting has been upgraded to LED in most of the building for maximum efficiency.
- Using the Engineering Study recommendations, improvements continue to be made to interior and exterior spaces. We have begun to prepare the Home Economics cottage for reuse.
- Plans are underway to install an ADA Vertical Platform Wheelchair Lift through grant funding and a capital campaign.
- Additional ADA rubber mulch will be added to the play space using funds from United Way of the Eastern Shore.

Financials:

- Revenues of \$101.7K. Includes \$53.8K in studio rentals, \$18.8K in fundraising income, \$10.1K in Special Event income and \$13.9K in donations and grant income.
- Expenses of \$130.9K, including \$38.2.0 in building maintenance, facilities improvements and enhancements, \$39.8 in payroll expenses and \$16.7K in utilities costs.
- Net Income of \$- 28.5K reflects \$25.8K income from 2018 for main room remodel and unused grant funds, plus extensive facilities repairs completed. Bank balances of \$63.9K at end of 2019.

Building and Grounds Use:

- 100% of first floor studios rented; 95% of lower level rented.
- In excess of 8,800 people visited or attended functions on the grounds or in the Historic Onancock School building during 2019. Countless others use the grounds at their leisure.

Organization Development:

Several new directors were added to the Board

Looking Ahead in 2020:

- Completion and celebration of LoveWorks in Onancock
- Capital Campaign to ensure complete ADA accessibility to HOS