



SIBYL CENTER FOR LIFE ENRICHMENT

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2008 Annual Report

Dear friends and benefactors of the Sibyl Center,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a report on the status and outlook for the Sibyl Center.

It has been through your generosity that we have made great progress since the Stanley Presbyterian Church was saved from the “wrecking ball” and converted to the primary facility for arts and entertainment in the Stanley area.

The building has, during the last seven years, undergone a major renovation from a totally new roof to an extensive rework of the lower level. This has been a much more costly activity than we originally anticipated and we are deeply appreciative of your financial generosity as well as the long hours put in by our hard-working volunteers.

I want to particularly recognize the monetary contributions made by the many Stanley High School graduates and previous Stanley residents who have left the community. Without the generous contributions of those who wanted to return something to the town where they grew up, we could not have reached the point where we are today.

We all owe a great debt to Stan Wright who, as the first president of the Life Enrichment Foundation, spent many, many hours in assuring the success of the Foundation and seeing that the restoration was successful.

It was through the tireless efforts of Don Hoirup, our artistic director, and his hardworking activities committee that we were able to provide the Stanley community with a first-class selection of offerings that appealed to audiences of varying interests. The activities of the year are listed on our website, www.sibylcenter.org.

For those of you not familiar with the website, it provides a great source of information on the Foundation and the Sibyl Center. It has many photos and is continually updated to provide the latest news and program schedules. Jerry Eidem, a Stanley High School graduate who now lives in Vermont, established and maintains the site. We are all very proud of it and appreciate all of Jerry's hard work.

I thank, in particular, the outstanding contribution of Dr. Bob Jensen for his hands-on hard work and planning of the remodeling of the lower floor. Thanks to Bob we now have men's and women's' rest rooms as well as the initial phases of construction of the remaining basement

areas. We intend to make use of the finished area for meeting rooms and support for many possible functions. A small serving kitchen that will be used to support refreshment breaks is also planned. In thanking Bob, I also want to recognize the assistance provided by Lenin Dibble and Curt Hemstad who put in many hours working to upgrade the basement.

As I mentioned previously, I want to thank you all for your past contributions but, unfortunately, we seem to have a never-ending need for monetary help. This is partly driven by our philosophy of providing quality programs at a modest cost. As you recall, we do not charge admission for our programs but instead suggest a \$5.00 donation to help defray costs. We feel, however, that it is important that our programs be affordable to all of our many regular attendees. Any donations to help us fund 2009 programs would be greatly appreciated to help with the production cost issue and to provide high quality presentations. In 2009 we intend to approach local businesses to become sponsors of several programs.

One additional expense that we incur is the cost of utilities. As you all know, North Dakota winters are pretty severe and the heating bills can put quite a strain on our budget.

We feel that during this last year the Sibyl Center has been recognized as not just an entertainment showplace—it is becoming known as a community resource center. We have received many inquiries concerning our availability for various functions. In general, we have not pursued this approach with, however, one exception. We made the Sibyl Center available to Scandia American Bank for hosting a seminar on the status of the oil industry in Mountrail County.

We feel that when we finish the basement and have the refreshment kitchen in place, we will be able to provide a high quality facility to provide community service.

Basically, our financial status is 'okay'. We have enough assets to be able to conduct our programs through 2009. We do rely on contributions to maintain and upgrade the facility and continue to rely on your generosity. I would like to remind you that all contributions are tax deductible. If you wish to contribute, please send your contributions to the address in the letterhead.

In several weeks, Don Hoirup will be sending you a schedule of our 2009 programs. This will, of course, be adjusted as we add new events. Please use this schedule for planning to attend and to see what your donations have accomplished.

Hoping to see you at the Sibyl Center in 2009,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Brown, President
Life Enrichment Foundation