



**Waterloo Area Historical Society
P. O. Box 52
Waterloo, Wisconsin 53594**

June 10, 2016

Mayor Thompson, Clerk-Treasurer Hanson
Waterloo City Council Members
City Departments

Greetings,

Please circulate this cover letter and the enclosed letter to all the Departments of the City. The enclosed letter has been sent to all our 130 members and friends of The Waterloo Area Historical Society/Museum. The future of the Steeple Clock Tower which overlooks our City is on the brink of falling apart. Can you help us?

We feel we have helped the City in many ways and have answered the call whenever a request was made, now we are seeking help. We would like to request a one-time donation of \$2,000 to help meet the Matching Fund of \$10,000.

I will attend the June 16th City Council meeting and be available for questions. We have applied for grants and explored other ways of continuing our quest to preserve the history of Waterloo, maps, artifacts, historical data, original art work and genealogy family history...all maintained in our Museum.

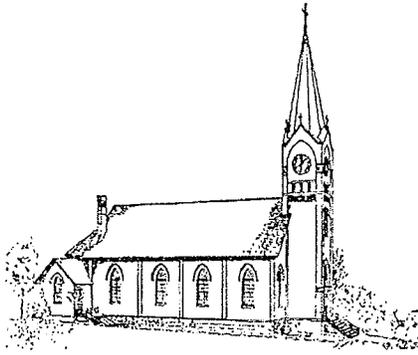
The Museum is a landmark that stands tall and spells out the charm, hard work, from the early settlers, farmers, city folk to make Waterloo home to all. As I think you know we are all volunteers from 1976 to now 2016. Asking much of ourselves, sharing with all..we hope you can support our mission as we have supported the City's goal of creating a vibrant, welcoming Waterloo.

In gratitude,

Maureen Giese, President & Curator

Board of Directors: Ruth Quade Deppe, Rita Dow, Dale Van Holten, Kathleen Lawrence,
Dale Maron, Jim Reynolds, John Spies, Karen Turley

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June 4, 2016

Dear Members and Friends of History,

The Waterloo Area Historical Museum housed in the former St. Joseph's Catholic Church, built in 1869, is losing pieces of brick and mortar in the Steeple Clock Tower which was added in 1888. This tower stands as a landmark to all citizens in the area. After careful examination by four masonry experts, the time has come to repair the steeple to prevent further structural damage. Would you help us preserve this historical landmark?

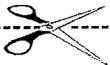
The needed work is restoration of the bricks and mortar of the Steeple Tower, repairing of the leaking roof/shingles, repainting and repairing the louvers and clocks; plan for other minor repairs. The estimated cost of all of this is \$90,000. If this project is delayed, more damage could be done at an increased cost.

We must start by fundraising now. If it is not done now, what are the consequences? This landmark is valued not only for its structure but what we preserve inside the brick walls; artifacts, genealogy data, plat maps and much more.

Please consider a donation to help the Waterloo Area Historical Society to move ahead with the restoration work to preserve the Steeple Clock Tower. We need everyone to join us in our quest to maintain our Museum. **There is a \$10,000 Matching Fund available to begin our Fundraising.**

Our gratitude to all who care about preservation, conservation, and donation to a cause that will restore our Steeple Clock Tower to its Historical Heritage.

**Waterloo Area Historical Board of Directors;
for more information call Maureen at 1-920-478-8015**



I am sending a check for \$ _____ for the Steeple Clock Tower Restoration.

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