2016-17 Museum Accomplishments

- Ratified 2017-19 Strategic Directions to support teamwork toward our key goals
- Hosted Evidence Found: Explorations in Archaeology – Exhibition featuring loans from Kalamazoo Valley Museum, WMU, and Niles History Center (March-December 2017)
- Recipient of over $20,000 in Grants toward Lighthouse Exhibit
- 2017 Building Award from Michigan Historic Preservation Network for restoration of the St. Joseph North Pier Inner & Outer Lights
- Received 2016 Golden Acorn Award for Innovation from Berrien Community Foundation
- Recipient of 2016 Youth Access Grant from the Smithsonian (one of six nationwide)

2018 Current Museum Initiatives

Exhibitions

- Satellite Exhibit on North Pier – Inside the Inner Light & Fog Signal Building (Debuts June 2018)
- Michigan Lighthouses: An Aerial Perspective (Traveling Photography Exhibit, 2018)
- Ladies of the Lights: Michigan Women in the U.S. Lighthouse Service (Traveling Exhibit, 2018)
- More 2018 Exhibits planned: Lighthouse Keeper’s Photo Album John Vachon Photographs
- Research/Planning for innovative permanent multimedia exhibition space and museum experience

Programs

- Free Public Program series covering diverse historical topics (April-October)
- Seasonal Walking Tours
  - St. Joe Lighthouse Tours – Partnership with the City of St. Joseph
  - St. Joseph Walking Tours – Partnership with the Krasl Art Center
  - Benton Harbor History Tours – Partnership with Morton House Museum
  - Haunted Tours in St. Joseph – Partnership with History Center at Courthouse Square
- Youth & Family Programs
  - School Programs and Tours
  - Youth Ambassadors summer program
  - LEGO Carnivale – Partnership with St. Joseph Public Library
- Digital Outreach
  - Museum Blog introduced 2016
  - New Facebook Page “St. Joe Lighthouse Tours” introduced 2017