

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: January 12, 2015

Sheldon Barthel, president, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:03 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. Other directors present were John Jaeb, Bob Zahler, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, Crystal Sayen, Steve Barthel and Dan Lenz. The minutes from the November 24, 2014 special meeting were approved after amended. Motion to approve made by Harry and seconded by Lisa. The motion carried.

Reports & Business

President's Report –none

Treasurer's Report – John reported that the balance as of January 12, 2015 is \$8,538.16 with a total of \$642.66 in expenses, and \$965.00 in deposits.

Media Specialist –

New website - Crystal reported that Kaul Design group has a basic design completed but it is still a work in progress. Information is currently being transferred from the old site to the new one.

Legacy Grant – Crystal submitted an application to the Minnesota Historical Society to get their approval, which is required before it can be submitted to the grant committee. The next deadline for grant approval is in April.

Newsletter – Bob reported that the next newsletter will come out in February.

Membership – Sheldon reported that we have 104 members on the roster, but 33 members remain delinquent for their 2015 dues.

Curator - Bob had nothing new to report.

Website - Steve is still recording family data for the biographical files.

Old Business – Bob reported on the progress with the Ken Zylla project. Since the last meeting he has met with Ken three times to bring him photos and monitor progress. At the last meeting with Ken the sketch was looking good. The view will show the south side of Central Avenue from Dehmer's Meat Market to Jaeb's 66.

Sheldon and Steve reminded the board that at one time we discussed doing and recording interviews with "old timers". No one seems to recall who volunteered to do the interviews. Sheldon put out a request for board members to do some of the interviews. Clarence Eull was appointed chairman of the Interview Committee with help from Harry Welter, Wayne Kessler and Earl Vetsch. Bob Zahler said he would assist as his time allowed.

New Business – Mary Ann Eull requested time to speak to the board about the significance of the Historic Church and to elicit help from the board to contact the local pastor and bishop to emphasize the need to keep the church connected to the community. She and Clarence commented that there is still money available for preservation and that some of the money was donated by people who specified that the money be used to preserve the church. Sheldon suggested that Clarence and Mary Ann prepare a letter that members of the board could sign in support. More discussion followed on what other uses the church building might be used for, what could happen if the church is sold to people who don't care to preserve it etc. It was generally felt that preservation is just the sort of thing that we, as a historical society, should be involved in, at least as far as informing people about it. Bob said that he would try to write an article on the importance of preserving the church for the next newsletter. More action could be taken at a future date.

Announcements – The next meeting will take place on February 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. There will be a trivia contest that night. Bob and Steve agreed to generate the questions. After adjournment of this meeting there will be a time for members to try to stump others with historic items they brought in. People will have to guess their use.

Adjournment – Harry motioned to end the meeting; Lisa seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Zahler, acting secretary