

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: May 9th, 2016

President Sheldon Barthel called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Library Conference Room. Directors present were Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Harvey Zahler, Bob Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, Lyle Barthel, and Sheldon Barthel. The minutes from the April 11 meeting were amended and then approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Harry. Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa reported that the balance on 4/11/16 was \$11,079.83. Expenses since the last report were \$305.85 with deposits of \$30.00. The balance as of 5/9/16 is \$10,803.98.

Membership Report – Sheldon reported that one member who was in arrears paid up for 2016, putting our membership roster at 104 active members.

Curator – Bob reported that Lori, from the First American Bank and a descendent of the Peter Columbus family, had two photos of his family. Peter Columbus's gravesite is located in the Historical Church cemetery.

Newsletter – In process article on Hubert Welter. Stephen has some articles also. Newsletter should be ready some time next week.

Media Specialist, website report – Both Crystal and Stephen were absent, so no report.

Old Business – 1) To date 83 prints processed. No sales this past month.

2) The Board approved the selection of Calvin Schoen as Secretary, and Lisa Marx as Treasurer. Motion to approve made by Harvey, seconded by Bob. Carried.

3) The Board approved the following appointments on standing committees: Crystal will continue as Webmaster and Media Specialist, Sheldon as Membership Director, Bob as Curator, Stephen on Website, and Harvey on Old Timers interview Committee Chairman. Motion to approve made by Bob, seconded by Lisa. Carried.

4) With the retirement of Rose Ann Gindele from the Board, Wayne Kessler was appointed to take her place on the three person executive committee. Motion to accept was made by Lyle, seconded by Harry. Carried.

5) Report from Shawn Rounds of the State Historical Society implied that Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps is a legitimate organization. Harry will now contact the city and see if they have any historical sites, such as the old brewery, that they would like help in preserving. Also mentioned was, possibly the Berning Mill site if the Bernings would be interested.

New Business – 1) Stephen and Crystal were absent, so discussion on involving youth and the scouts was tabled until the June meeting.

2) We will be sponsoring an Historic Church Tour on September 13th at 7:00 PM. This will fall on a Tuesday evening with the possibility of moving our regular monthly board meeting to that date and conducting it in the basement of the Historic Church.

3) By consensus, it was decided not to sponsor a booth at the Daze & Knights expo this year. However there was interest in sponsoring a booth at the St. Michael Parish Festival in September.

4) Also, by consensus, it was decided to cancel the July meeting allowing the Friends of the Library to move their meeting from the 4th of July to our meeting date if they so desire, on July 11th, as we both use the same meeting room.

5) City Hall has confirmed that the Library meeting room is reserved for our use every second Monday of the month in perpetuity. A conflict occurred in April when an unauthorized party caused us to move to the council chambers across the hall.

6) An inquiry was made by a Marybeth Horn through our website concerning ancestry in Germany. The email was forwarded to Stephen and he will be handling the inquiry.

Announcements – Greg Vetsch, who belongs to a tool collectors club, will be our guest speaker at the June 13 meeting beginning at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – Motion by Harvey to adjourn, seconded by Harry. Carried. Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Marx, acting secretary