

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING: October 9, 2017

Sheldon Barthel, President, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room. Directors present were Harvey Zahler, Bob Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, Lyle Barthel, Sheldon Barthel, Dan Lenz, John Jaeb, and Lisa Marx.

President's Report – Sheldon reported the addition of two new members to our organization, and the donation of a watercolor painting of Berning's Mill done by artist Paul Miterko.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa reported that the balance on 9/11/17 was \$13,187.82. The balance as of 10/9/17 is \$13,178.27. Expenses since the last report were \$9.55. Deposits were \$0.

Webmaster's Report – Crystal was not present.

Membership Report – Sheldon reported that membership now stands at 99 members.

Curator – Bob reported that Donald Zachman was interested in restoring the Johan Zachman family headstone. Mentioned the possibility of notifying families of the financial help needed, through media, to help restore the tombstones of their pioneering ancestors.

Newsletter – Bob is planning on doing a number of shorter articles for the next newsletter. One of the story topics he is pursuing are stories about Luke Georges, a character around St. Michael in the middle of the last century. He was asking for names of people who may have known him better and to share stories of him.

Website – Stephen not present, but in an email to Sheldon earlier today, mentioned he would be submitting an article to Bob for the next newsletter.

Old Business – No change in the number of Ken Zylla prints sold since the last time.

Harry made a report on the fire departments 100th anniversary celebration, mentioning it as a great success. There was a big crowd and it was reported that 22 kegs of beer, provided for the event, ran out.

New Business - Bob mentioned that Gordy Fredrickson, a former STMA teacher, who now writes children's books, especially about the early days of farming, is available to give talks publicly. A motion was made by John Jaeb, seconded by Harry Welter, that we co-sponsor with the Library, a presentation to be made locally by him, provided the library do the promotional work. We would provide the money to pay his fee, which Bob thought should be around \$85, according to Mr. Fredrickson. Motion carried.

Mention was made of a Berning's Mill painting was being auctioned off at the Adam Roden fundraiser. The watercolor painting that was donated to us by Paul Miterko was shown to all, which was different than the fundraiser one. Discussion was made on whether to frame or not. Bob said he would talk to someone about the best way to preserve the print.

Announcements – The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 13 at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn was made by John Jaeb, seconded by Harry, approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Marx, Acting Secretary