

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD MEETING MINUTES: April 8, 2019

Calvin Schoen, President, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room. Other directors present were Lyle Barthel, Sheldon Barthel, Dan Lenz, John Robeck, Brendan Sage, Stephen Barthel, Calvin Schoen, Lisa Marx, Harvey Zahler, Bob Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch and Crystal Sayen.

President's Report – Calvin reported that he received an email from Nicole Elzenga containing the Renville County Historical Society newsletter regarding their connection to WWI. He also received a letter from Friends of the Library thanking us for our contribution to their celebration on May 4th. Lastly, the monthly board meeting will close and the annual meeting will take place under New Business.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa reported that the balance on 3/11/19 was \$12,703.72. The balance as of 4/8/19 is \$12,803.72. Expenses since the last report were \$30.00. Deposits were \$130.00. The Endowment savings balance is \$1,796.89 with 53 cents of first quarter interest.

Media Specialist/Webmaster – Crystal received a message on Facebook looking to identify someone from an old photo. Bob was able to identify the person. Updates were made to the website as well as posting of minutes.

Membership – Sheldon reported that membership as of this meeting is at 111 members. There are 5 members currently suspended for non-payment.

Curator – Bob received a photo from Lyle Barthel and entered it into our collection. Lyle was told that the fruit pickers in the photo were from Morocco. Bob also mentioned that the Library wants to use our digital photo monitor for their event in May to display their photos over the years.

Newsletter – Bob hasn't started on it yet for May, but will soon and he is always looking for more ideas.

Website – Steve added a couple more links to the basic genealogy webpage. Charlie Rodgers from the MN Historical Society gave a tour to Steve and mentioned that they do offer presentations as an idea for our society to host one in the future.

Old Business – Bob is working on writing a second grant proposal to obtain the state funding for the location of the first cemetery in St. Michael. This will include information from the state archaeologist and grant committee to get more information on what specifically to ask for in the proposal. If the \$10,000 grant is awarded phase one will be to physically search for the location of the cemetery. Phase 2 would be to test the findings. Bob sent out a bid request to companies that help locate these kinds of things using many different technologies. Archeo-Physics is the company who be listed in the grant proposal to help locate the cemetery. We will also need to get permission from Cary Berning to go on to his property to conduct the investigation.

The Joe Psyk book event could possibly happen sometime in summer or fall and we would also offer refreshments after this event.

New Business – Sheldon mentioned that the February minutes needed to be added to the website.

Harry motioned to close the regular board meeting and open the annual meeting, seconded by Lisa. The annual meeting consisted of elections for 5 members to the Board of Directors for another 3 years. The five nominations to the Board were, Lyle Barthel, Sheldon Barthel, Dan Lenz, John Robeck, and Brendan Sage. Bob motioned to close nominations and accept the slate, Lisa seconded. Calvin declared the slate elected. The elected will fulfill their positions in May. Sheldon made a motion not to spend money from the endowment fund until it reaches a total of \$10,000. Harry seconded. Wendy from the Great River Regional Library reached out to Steve about presentations, he is currently working with them.

Announcements –The next meeting will take place on May 13th at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the annual and regular board meeting was made by Harry, seconded by Harvey, approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Sayen, Secretary