

## St. Michael Historical Society Minutes: September 8, 2014

Sheldon Barthel, President, called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the St. Michael Library Conference Room. Directors present were Harvey Zahler, Bob Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, Crystal Sayen, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, Dan Lenz, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, and Lisa Marx. Minutes were read with three minor corrections to be made. Motion made by Bob Zahler, seconded by Harry Welter, to approve minutes as amended.

**Correspondence** – Jane Redeau-Ogle, one of the Emory Vetsch “kids”, who currently resides in Helena, Montana, submitted a new membership application. Gen O’Grady and La Netta Van Dale also submitted two additional membership applications. A letter was also sent from the Minnesota State Historical Society requesting copies of our Annual Reports from the establishment of our Society to the present. Bob Zahler said he has digital copies of all the Annual Reports and will submit them to the State.

**Treasurer’s Report** – John Jaeb reported that as of 9/8/14 there was \$8039.12 in checking. No deposits and expenses of \$81.97 since the last meeting were reported.

**Website** – Stephen reported 2,131 bio file cards. John Robeck gave Stephen memorial cards. We had 700 images, now 1,033 images of memory cards. He suggested maybe we could sell discs of cards.

**Public Relations** – Crystal reported using Facebook for future events, and maybe put upcoming events on North Wright County website. Sheldon suggested adding the Crow River News be added for posting upcoming events.

**Newsletter** – Next Issue deadline in October will feature article on the church rectories with photos and other information.

**Membership** – Sheldon reported three additional members as of this meeting, bringing total membership to 101.

**Curator of Collection** – Bob reported he was too busy since last meeting and was able to make it in just once, since school started.

**Old Business** – Wayne Mosher coffee mug project report was tabled until next month since Wayne was not present for a report.

Ken Zylla painting and prints. Bob reported he met two weeks ago and got figures and details. Ken has retired but still does one painting per year, and has shown interest in doing one for us. Bob showed a print Ken did for Onamia with businesses and cars, and people in painting, 18 X 28 typical size. Bob showed calendar of some of Ken’s scenes. Cost of painting would be \$5800 that we would own and be able to generate prints of the same. He recommended 1,000 limited editions prints and sell for \$180 - \$200 framed, or \$125 just for the print. We could have prints made for between \$2.00 and \$4.00 per print, Ken thought. Ken would sign and number all prints. He suggested John Roberts Company as possible printer; a suggestion was made that maybe Doug Lindenfelser could be worked with in offering framing for prints. It was mentioned we sold 300 Speltz prints a few years ago. Arrangements to sell remaining prints could be made with distributors such as Art Barbarians in Rogers and other outlets such as Hadley Companies and Wooden Bird. Sheldon will talk to someone from the Isle Historical Society (who ordered the Onamia painting) for additional input. Sheldon will also contact La Pointe Industries for information on printing. Harvey Zahler, then made a motion, seconded by Wayne Kessler, to continue pursuing information and come down with final figures on cost to continue. Motion carried. Painting would be of a street scene from the 60s in St. Michael with cars, people, and businesses.

New website development. Sheldon will contact Joe Kaul, from the Kaul Design Group, and arrange a meeting in October to discuss setting up a new site. Approximate cost would be around \$800 to set up site. We could do a maintenance contract once set up, for a yearly cost. We would own the site and domain name. Invited to the meeting will be Sheldon, Bob, Stephen, and Crystal.

**New Business** – Photos of the 1931 St. Michael Parish jubilee will be available on a pre-order basis from our booth at the Parish festival. Photos will cost \$20 with an additional \$6 cost for shipping if sent to any address other than Crystal Sayens. Also available, at a small additional cost, is a matte border or luster finish. Also at the festival we will be selling memo cards at \$15 per box.

**Announcements** – There will be a new rectory open house this Sunday during the parish festival sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, between noon and 2:00 PM. Our next meeting will be held October 13<sup>th</sup>, Monday at 7:00 PM. Program following the meeting will be “Show and Tell”.

**Adjournment** – Harry motioned to adjourn, Harvey Zahler seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.