

St. Michael Historical Society Minutes: March 5, 2007

President Rose Ann Gindele opened the March meeting at 6:34 PM, at St. Michael City Hall. There were 12 board members present and several visitors. Board members present were: Sheldon Barthel, Loel Bertrand, Clarence Eull, Mary Ann Eull, Rose Ann Gindele, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Chuck Van Heel, Earl Vetsch, Alfred Zachman, and Bob Zahler.

Minutes of the previous meeting, February 5th 2007, were read. Motion made by Wayne Kessler, seconded by Lisa Marx, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

President Rose Ann reported one membership renewal, for a present total of 40 members in our Society. She also passed out information, from the State Historical Society, about a seminar to be held in Becker on March 23rd, on various topics of interest to local Historical Societies. She then passed out applications for anyone who might be interested in attending the seminar.

Rose Ann, filling in for Harry Welter, gave the treasurer's report. Since the last meeting, deposits totaled \$770, expenses were \$18.95. Checkbook balance, as of March 5th is \$5,579.30.

Wayne Mosher reported on the Historic notecard project and said all the printing is being done at one time and that he needed a check to cover the entire amount by next week. He projected the entire project would be done by next meeting. The check was to be made out to his company, Graphics & Print Brokerage, in the amount of \$3,230. No further vote was needed on this project, as it was approved by the board at the February meeting. In conjunction with this project, it was decided, at the February meeting to solicit funds to help pay the costs of printing, from some of the local organizations. The Lions will donate \$250, American Legion \$500, and the Knights of Columbus charitable gambling board has approved a gift of \$500, pending final approval of K of C Council membership at their next meeting, March 8th.

Genny Kieley reported that the winter newsletter was now ready for publication. It was suggested that she include a notice about the upcoming annual meeting in April, where there will be elections held for 5 board members, and approval of by-law changes to our constitution. She offered to include this information and then asked for volunteers to help her with getting the bulletin out. Sheldon Barthel offered to pick up the printed copies at Kinko's in Maple Grove and Clarence and Mary Ann Eull will help staple and mail.

The nominating committee reported that 4 incumbents plan to run for new 3-year terms on the board. With five openings coming due, one board member, Loel Bertrand, has decided not to run at this time, and bulletin-membership director, Genny Kieley, has indicated a desire to run for his vacated seat. Nominations also will be open to the general membership from the floor at the April meeting.

Rose Ann reported that the original painting "Village at Dusk" was scheduled last Friday to be hung in the lobby at Highland Bank in St. Michael. The Society, at it's last meeting, decided to loan the painting, temporarily, to the bank. She also stated a donated print was hung in the vestibule of the Historic Church. Framing was done gratis by J.D. Speltz, the artist.

Upcoming meetings will be Monday April 2nd, (annual meeting), and May 7th, all at St. Michael City Hall.

There being no further business, other than guest speaker, author, Leslie Anderson, motion was made by Clarence Eull, seconded by John Jaeb, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Barthel
Secretary