

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: November 5, 2007

President Rose Ann Gindele called meeting to order at 7:03PM. At St. Michael City Hall. There were 5 visitors and 11 board members present. Board members present were John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Bob Zahler, Harvey Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele and Genny Kieley.

Secretary Sheldon Barthel read minutes of the August 27th meeting. Motion made by Harry Welter, Seconded by Earl Vetsch, to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

President Gindele reported that 75 Fall 2007 bulletins were printed at the cost of \$49, and that 57 of them were mailed at a postage cost of \$23.37. She also reported receiving correspondence of newsletters from the Minnesota Historical Society and the Hanover Historical Society.

Rose Ann reported on the success of the St. Michael church festival booth Sept. 9th and the October presentation by Steve Barthel on the St. Michael ancestry locations. She stated that 15 new members have joined our Historical Society during these events with 2 people signing up for 2 years. She mentioned that Wayne Kessler, Harry Welter, Lisa Marx, and herself brought treats to serve at the October presentation.

Rose Ann also mentioned that 19 boxes of note cards were sold at the festival and one at the presentation. The Eye Care Center in St. Michael was also added as a sales outlet for the cards, and took 5 boxes.

John Jaeb gave treasurer's report: Since last meeting income totaled \$484.25, Expenses \$65.37, for a balance of \$4,103.68 at the beginning of the meeting.

Note card project: Earl Vetsch reported that 10 boxes of note cards were sold in October for \$150. Total note cards sold for the year are 118 boxes for \$1,653.

Membership: Bob Zahler reported that we currently have 62 memberships (single and family) with 3 delinquents for 2007. He will get renewal notice information from Genny and send out statements soon.

Farm photos: Bob Zahler stated that he needs to put this project on the back burner so he can concentrate on finishing his book on St. Michael history. To keep the project moving, Lorri Robeck, a new member, volunteered to help get people to fill out the farm photo forms we're missing.

Ancestry books: Wayne Kessler received from Steve Barthel, at Steve's October presentation, 8 family genealogical books as gifts to the Society. 2 books were sold that night for a total of \$100. After discussion, board members agreed to offer for sale the duplicates and keep the rest. Remaining are 4 Aydt/Igel, 1 Dehmer and 1 Lindenfelser book. Because Steve has put much time into working up his presentation, it was decided to compensate him for his time and effort. Motion was made by Wayne Kessler, seconded by Harry Welter to give Steve \$100 and free membership through next year. Motion carried.

Committee on old records @ city hall: Bob, Lisa, Earl, Harry and Rose Ann went through all the pre 1960 records, pulled, organized, sorted and straightened them out. The most important records are now located in city hall, rather than at the storage shed. Amy Biren suggested contacting Bob Herskovitz, of the Minnesota Historical Society, on preserving documents. Bob Zahler said he would call Mr. Herskovitz on how to store and preserve these documents.

Amy Biren was invited as an advisor to explain how the Minnesota Historical Society grant program works. There are 2 grants available in 3 categories that we qualify for; 1) Research and Planning; 2) Oral History; and 3) Publication and Research. She suggested attending a grant session usually held twice a year by the MHS before we apply for a grant, to learn more on what requirements are needed to win a grant. With this information, Sheldon Barthel made a motion, seconded by John Jaeb, to shelf applying for a grant at this time. Motion carried.

Rose Ann Announced the next meeting will be held in the conference room at city hall on December 3rd, at 7:00PM, as the main chambers would be used for a truth in taxation meeting by the city.

There being no other business, John Jaeb made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Harry Welter. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Barthel
Secretary