

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: April 7th, 2008

President Rose Ann Gindele called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM at the St. Michael city hall. There were 9 guests present and 11 board members. Board members present were: John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Dan Lenz, Lisa Marx, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Bob Zahler, Harvey Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, and Genny Kieley.

Minutes of the previous meeting, dated March 3rd, 2008, were read by secretary Sheldon Barthel. An amendment was made to the minutes by Bob Zahler concerning membership numbers, and after changes, Harry Welter made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Lisa Marx. Motion carried.

Rose Ann mentioned receiving another copy of the State Historical Society Newsletter, the Interpreter, and an old play program from 1951 received from Rose Becker. She also received a notice that Doug Ohman would be speaking at Hanover tomorrow evening.

In her president's report, she stated there were 2 renewals of memberships, 1 address change, 1 twenty-dollar donation, and 2 thank yous were sent out. Lori Ende, from the newly forming Rogers-Hassan Historical Society called asking for help, and that if anyone would be interested they should give her a call. Linda Stewart, purchaser of the round barn being moved off the Lenneman farm site, was asking for information on the original date of the erection of the barn. Board members advised Rose Ann to refer her to check with the County courthouse to see if they might have that on record.

John Jaeb gave the Treasurer's report. Since the last meeting there were expenses of \$136.11, deposits of \$317.00, which leaves us with a checkbook balance of \$4,408.53 as of the beginning of this meeting.

On committee reports, Bob Zahler reported we now have 64 farm photos along with 26 farm records.

Wayne Mosher reported we have sold 136 boxes of Historic note cards since June of last year for a total dollar intake of \$2,020. Bob Zahler reported that membership now stands at 56 family & individuals.

Under unfinished business, Bob Zahler talked with Emily Hamlet of Ad-Lan, Inc. about setting up a website for the society. After giving a description of what Ad-Lan's responsibilities and charges would be to us and after much discussion among board members, a motion was made by Sheldon Barthel, seconded by Harry Welter, to hire Ad-Lan Inc. to set up a web site for the St. Michael Historical Society, at a cost not to exceed \$200 in set up fees and an allowance of not more than \$15 per month maintenance fees for the first year running, and, as an addendum to the main motion, that also Bob Zahler, Genny Kieley, and Stephen Barthel, will form and serve on a committee to work with Ad-Lan in setting up the web site. Motion carried.

Under space collections policy, Steve Barthel mentioned a good example of an excellent collection would be the Stearns County Historical Museum. Bob Zahler talked with Bob Derus who said we should be available to attend any meeting if it involves building a new city structure, such as a city hall or library that could involve a location for a Historical Society home.

Street names for the one way pairing which will now be submitted to the City of St. Michael, as per the City Council request are as follows: Heritage, Village, Homestead, Willkommen, and Ersingen. Once again the city reserves the right to use any one of these suggestions or reject all if it so chooses.

There were 5 members elected to the Board of Directors to a 3-year term. Newly Elected are the following: Steve Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, and Chuck Van Heel.

To help pay for the costs of the web site, Harry Welter will see if the Lions would be interested in donating some monies to defer some of the costs, Rose Ann will ask Clarence Eull if the American Legion can help, and John Jaeb will check with the Knights of Columbus.

Future topics for the newsletter were brought up by various board members, such as farm chores, creamery pictures, community plays, and bands.

Rose Ann passed out tentative schedules for meetings for the remainder of 2008. Announcement was made that the next two meetings will be held on May 5th and June 2nd.

There being no other business, Harry Welter moved for adjournment, Lisa Marx seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Barthel, Secretary

Officers elected by newly appointed board after close of regular meeting: Rose Ann Gindele – President; Bob Zahler – Vice President; Sheldon Barthel – Secretary; John Jaeb – Treasurer.

