

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: March 3rd, 2008

President Rose Ann Gindele called the meeting to order at 7:07PM at St. Michael city hall. There were 10 board members present and 3 guests. Board members present were: John Jaeb, Lisa Marx, Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Harvey Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, and Genny Kieley. Secretary Barthel read the minutes of the previous meeting, dated December 3rd, 2007, Harry Welter then made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Lisa Marx. Motion carried.

Rose Ann mentioned receipt of the Hanover Historical Society Newsletter and the Mn. State Historical Society Newsletter, the Interpreter and made it available if anyone was interested in reading them. She also mentioned receipt of a letter from the Mn. Genealogical Society accepting Stephen Barthel's nomination for an award. This program will take place in September at the Minnesota History Center.

Stephen Barthel was present and gave a presentation and handout on his perception of what a historical society should have and how he could work with our local society in promoting genealogical research.

John Jaeb gave the Treasurer's report. Income since last meeting was \$225.00. Expenses \$22.67. Checkbook balance \$4303.64. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Harry Welter, seconded by Bob Zahler. Motion carried.

Under committee reports, Wayne Mosher reported that, to date, 131 boxes of Historic note cards have been sold for a total of \$1,945.00 through the end of February.

On membership, Bob Zahler reported that we now have approximately 65 members, but at least 3 are in danger of being suspended for non-payment of dues.

He also reported on the farm photo project, that Alfred Zachman turned in one and Rose Ann Gindele 3 more. All are now on computer files. All other records have been sent to Laurie Robeck, but Bob has yet to hear back from her on whether she has completed her work or not.

Genny Kieley reported that the winter newsletter is coming out soon and Rose Ann informed her of the need for a possible count of 70 copies to be printed. Genny is looking for old photos of people doing farm work for use in the spring newsletter. She also asked if the Society would be interested in purchasing pictures from the Wright County Historical Society of 7 one room schoolhouses in our area for \$5 each, for possible use in an upcoming newsletter. Motion made by Sheldon Barthel to purchase said photos, seconded by Lisa Marx, motion carried.

Under unfinished business, Bob Zahler finally was able to get in touch with Bob Herskoritz, preservationist expert from the Mn. Historical Society, and he seemed either not interested, or too busy to come out to address our group, but gave a link to a web site for preserving documents. Bob will keep this information until time is available to start working on preserving documents.

Lisa Marx was in conversation with J.D. Speltz who was wondering if we were interested in producing another fund raising print this year. After much discussion by the board it was decided to table doing another print until perhaps later this summer or next year. Motion to table the print project made by Bob Zahler, seconded by Lisa Marx, motion carried.

Rose Ann asked the board for a consensus if there was interest in participating in the St. Michael Daze & Knights Festival on August 16th, including the parade, and having a booth at the St. Michael Church Festival in September, if allowed. Motion to support participating in these projects made by Sheldon Barthel, seconded by Lisa Marx, motion carried.

Because April is the Annual meeting date and election of board members and officers need to take place, Bob Zahler and Lisa Marx have volunteered to contact board members whose terms are expiring to find out what their intentions are for the upcoming year, and whether they are interested in serving another 3 year term.

The City of St. Michael requested the Historical Society to help in naming the new west to east one-way connector through the city. Many names were submitted and these will be forwarded on to the city for their perusal. Final determination as to the name will be done by the city.

President Gindele mentioned that the upcoming scheduled meetings would be held April 7th, May 5th, and June 2nd.

There being no other business, Bob Zahler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lisa Marx. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Sheldon Barthel
Secretary