

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: October 6th, 2008

President Rose Ann Gindele called the meeting to order at 7:01PM at the St. Michael City Hall. Present were 3 guests and 12 board members. Board members present were: Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Bob Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Clarence Eull, Mary Ann Eull, Rose Ann Gindele, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, and Lisa Marx.

Secretary Sheldon Barthel read the minutes of the previous meeting. Rose Ann offered a correction to the minutes as read, after which Wayne Kessler made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Harry Welter. Motion carried.

Under correspondence, Rose Ann received a copy of the Hanover Historical Society fall newsletter, and the Interpreter and Planner from the MN Historical Society, and said they were available to anyone that's interested. She also had pictures of the parade float for anyone interested in viewing them.

Rose Ann then reported results of the Church Festival. Due to the heavy rains, attendance was poor, but we sold one box of Note Cards, we received one new membership and a farm photo of the Carl and Adeline Barthel farm. She expressed her thanks to all the volunteers who helped.

Rose Ann also reported that the awards banquet honoring Stephen Barthel at the MN History Center was enjoyable. Also in attendance, besides Rose Ann, were Sheldon Barthel and Stephen Barthel, the awardee. Stephen also helped with press releases to the local papers explaining the award.

Treasurer John Jaeb gave the following report: Expenses, since the last meeting were \$236.50. Deposits of \$184.00 for a checkbook balance of \$5,117.91 at the start of this meeting.

Reports of committees: **1. Church Festival** – Wayne Kessler mentioned people were interested in obtaining copies of the farm photos. Bob Zahler mentioned that perhaps there might be copyright problems that needed to be checked on. **2. Website** – Bob Zahler said that Emily will make a presentation at the November meeting on the website. Steve Barthel suggested, at the onset, to add family group records, so there is something to encourage use of the site. Bob Zahler brought a camera and will take photos of Board members after the meeting for the front page of website and noted that all members should have a short biographical sketch submitted by next meeting, not to exceed 40 to 45 words. By consensus, it was decided not to activate the website until we have a solid plan put together of useful information to make available to those using the website. **3. Note Cards** – Wayne Mosher reported that to date 165 boxes have been sold for a grand total of \$2,440 so far. **4. Newsletter** – Genny Kieley was not present but notified Rose Ann that due to other personal obligations was unable to put together the summer edition at this time. She will continue as she gets time. **5. Old school, children's pictures scrapbooks** – Rose Ann stated that she and Lisa Marx are in the process of putting one together.

Under new business, Bruce McKimmy requested a presentation from the Historical Society on October 14th at the old Frankfort town hall for the scouts, topic to be of something that might be interesting to them. Rose Ann volunteered to do the presentation.

Rose Ann mentioned that perhaps the December meeting would be a good one to invite Ann O'Leary to put on a presentation about the Berning family. Sheldon Barthel made a motion to invite her to do so at the December meeting, seconded by Wayne Kessler. Motion carried.

There being no other business, Clarence Eull made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Harry Welter. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheldon Barthel
Secretary