

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: June 29th, 2009

President Rose Ann Gindele called the meeting to order at 7:08PM in the St. Michael City Hall council chambers. There were 7 guests present and 9 board members. Guests present were: Bob and Marion Robeck, Emily Hamlet, Lee and Althea Walus, John Robeck, and Bob Neiss. Board members present were: Clarence Eull, Mary Ann Eull, Rose Ann Gindele, Genny Kieleley, Stephen Barthel, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Earl Vetsch, and Alfred Zachman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by President Rose Ann Gindele, who also mentioned that the June 1st meeting was cancelled in order for Genny Kieleley to put on a presentation. A verbal thank you was given to Genny for her presentation. Wayne Kessler made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Earl Vetsch. Motion carried.

Rose Ann mentioned that a thank you was sent to the Mayor of St. Michael, City Council, and staff on dedicating space for the St. Michael Historical Society, in the new city hall. She also mentioned that we received \$95 in income, \$50 on memberships and \$45 in donations including \$13 from the sale of a box of Note cards, for a total of \$108. The Note Cards were sold by the Wright County Historical Society Museum who kept \$2 of the \$15 regular price for their commission. Total membership now stands at 63. She also noted that 3 officers were absent due to prior commitments.

Treasurer's report was \$5,797.67, with deposits totaling \$45 and no expenses since the last meeting, leaving a grand total of \$5,842.67 in the checkbook as of the beginning of the meeting.

Emily Hamlet brought a copy of a logo for our Historical Society. Emily had the website on her laptop, but was unable to connect to a projector, so she came around and showed it to all directly from the laptop. On the logo, a motion was made by Wayne Kessler to accept the general layout of the one done by Emily, seconded by Earl Vetsch. Motion carried.

Also, on the website, Genny Kieleley asked if photo's should be free on the website. Discussion indicated that there should be a fee perhaps by dots per inch (DPI). It was finally decided to leave as is until a later date. Althea Walus made a comment that in their society, the photos are your most treasured resource.

Wayne Kessler, seconded by Lisa Marx, made a motion to accept the Kaempfelbach Historical Society as a "Sister" or Partnership Society. Motion Carried. Steve was in communication with Kevin Jost, who said in so doing, links would be set up between our 2 websites. Although their website currently is in German only, this would be done once our website was up and running. The Germans have already approved their part of the partnership agreement.

Discussion on a bookmark to hand out at the City Daze was conducted to make the public aware of our website. Steve explained he could produce a bookmark at no cost to the Society from surplus paper he has in his possession. A motion was made by Clarence Eull, seconded by Earl Vetsch to have Steve produce a couple hundred bookmarks for handouts at no cost to the Society. Motion carried.

Steve then explained the database that he is working on. It will contain the person's name, birth year, father's name, mother's name, and spouse.

A suggested domain name for the St. Michael Historical Society was **stmhistsoc.org**, and after brief discussion, motion was made to accept the domain website and use it on the bookmark by Genny Kieleley, seconded by Lisa Marx. Motion carried. In further discussion with Emily, the Society could purchase all three of the domain addresses of **.com**, **.org**, and **.net**, for \$297 for five years. A motion was made to pay for all three was made by Lisa Marx, seconded by Wayne Kessler. Motion carried.

Genny Kieleley reported that the summer issue of our newsletter would be dealing with schools.

Under new business, Rose Ann stated she would be sending \$25 after the meeting to cover our annual membership fees to the MN Historical Society.

Rose Ann also asked that when people submit photos, they should write a short story or memory of the photo.

Under announcements, it was mentioned that the next meeting would be held August 3rd at St. Michael City Hall. There being no other business, Lisa Marx motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alfred Zachman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Ann Eull
Acting Secretary