

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: August 2, 2010

Bob Zahler, President, called the Board Meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:00 PM at St. Michael City Hall. The directors present were Bob Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, Genny Kieley, Harvey Zahler, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, and Lisa Marx. Also present were three visitors. Secretary Stephen Barthel read the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Wayne Kessler to approve the minutes as amended and seconded by Harry Welter. The motion carried.

Reports & Business

There was no significant correspondence to report on.

Treasurer's Report – John Jaeb gave the checkbook balance, as of 7 May 2010, at \$6472.42. With expenses of \$205.00 and a deposit of \$10.00, our balance as of the 3rd of July, 2010 was \$6277.42.

Website – Stephen Barthel reported 37,694 visits, as of the beginning of August, 2010. Few changes have been made since the previous meeting, other than keeping the front page updated to reflect coming events.

Newsletter – Our upcoming newsletter will be on Lake Charlotte. Genny Kieley mentioned the possibility of interviewing people in their 90s as a possible topic. The Wasserkur has also been mentioned as a possibility. Sheldon mentioned he is working on a newsletter, which will be published soon. It was mentioned in a discussion that we should look into a new, user-friendly software program for publishing our newsletters – one that is compatible to both MAC and PC computers. Bob would talk with other teachers concerning software. Rose Ann will check into the grant process with the Minnesota Historical Society for obtaining a computer.

Daze and Knights City Festival – Our booth for the 14th of August would be in the main tent, with discount membership flyers available and the usual items of newsletters, and so forth, for setup and handouts. Stephen Barthel will bring his computer and monitor for the checking relationships. Assignments were finalized on staffing. Setup would be at 9:00 AM. The booth will run from 9-3:00 PM.

Richard Swanson's 1939 Buick Roadmaster is lined up to be used in the parade. Magnetic signs were immediately needed for both sides of the car, so it was decided that due to the immediate need, no motion was needed for approval for the expenditure of \$100.00, which was the cost for producing the signs. It was decided that four people would be needed to handout the flyers during the parade. Flyers were to go to people who looked over the age of 18. Alfred Zachman would ride in the car.

Archiving – Bob Zahler will check with Betty Dircks of the Wright County Historical Society on what is needed for good archiving practices.

October 25 Presentation – Stephen Barthel will speak on *Bizarre Stories in Genealogy* and will also demonstrate the website of the St. Michael Historical Society. Bob will make the arrangements for securing the venue. We are tentatively looking at Middle School West. The time agreed upon for reserving the area would be 6-10:00 PM. The meeting would begin at 7:00 PM and last about an hour.

Space Needs – Bob Zahler will check with Mark Weigel on the possibility of obtaining old furnishings from the city for our room for the Historical Society.

Postage – A request was made by Sheldon for \$44.00 to cover postage for the upcoming newsletter. No motion was needed, as voting was done previously to cover all newsletter publishing costs as they became due.

Archivist – Rose Ann Gindele showed us a special collection she made of Pictures and Reviews of the Historical Society, which is a history of the society. A discussion was held on how copies were to be preserved and what to be made available to the public.

Announcements – our next meeting would be held 30 August 2010 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

With no further business, John Jaeb moved that the meeting be adjourned, with Lisa Marx seconding the motion. The motion to adjourn carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Stephen Barthel, Secretary