

## ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: February 14, 2011

Bob Zahler, President, called the Board Meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:01 PM in the Conference Room of the St. Michael Library. The directors present were Bob Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, Harry Welter, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Genny Kieley, Earl Vetsch, Don Wurst, Harvey Zahler, Dan Lenz, and John Robeck. There were a couple of student visitors, Matt Einyck and Alex Brown, and the Moshers. Secretary Stephen Barthel read the minutes of December 6, 2010. There were no additions or corrections. The minutes were approved as read.

### Reports & Business

**Treasurer's Report** – John Jaeb gave the checkbook balance, as of 6 Dec 2010 at \$6335.05. He also gave the balance, as of 31 Dec 2010, at \$6435.05, after a deposit of \$100 and no expenses. As of 1 Feb 2011, with a deposit of \$315.00 and expenses of \$141.35, the checkbook balance stands at \$6608.70.

**Note Cards** – Wayne Mosher did not have a report this time, but indicated that the Senior Center might sell note cards.

**Website** – Stephen Barthel reported 67,147 visits to our website. He added Kreis Bitburg and Cochem to the website, a new feature, showing locations and records available for research. He gave concern that he would like to continue working on the website out of his home, but that trips to and from St. Cloud to St. Michael to be in attendance at every meeting amounted to more than 1500 miles. He would like to come on occasion, but cut miles and felt it was time to give up the secretary position for that reason. Two of the students present expressed interest in one of them taking the position. Stephen would continue to serve as secretary until the transition takes place.

**Newsletter** – Genny Kieley is willing to stay on, with the stipulation that she is able to do the work. Sheldon Barthel mentioned that Part III on the Barthels, will be the main topic for the May issue, with a deadline of getting information to him between April 15 and April 30. Sheldon also mentioned that some newsletters were being reported as mangled upon receipt. No formal motion was needed to change to the method of mailing newsletters in envelopes.

**Membership** – Sheldon Barthel reported that there were 95 members, plus two new members, giving us a total of 97 members. Nineteen members have not paid their dues, so final notice will be given.

**Business** – A formal vote was taken to change our meeting times to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Harry Welter made the motion, which was seconded by Wayne Kessler. The motion carried. Concerning the 'Build it Together' committee, Bob will talk with Amy Michenfelder on the procedure to take to get the funding for our list of requests. \$5,000 is earmarked for our purposes and that Bob should start with \$500 for shopping for items on the list. Wayne Mosher asked about furnishings such as shelves, file cabinets, chairs from the St. Michael Library and what the payment Marla Scherber (of the Library) should accept for the office furnishings. Sheldon made the motion to pay \$135 for the office furnishings as full payment. It was seconded by Wayne Kessler. The motion carried.

**New Business** – Matt Einyck and Alex Brown were introduced as students from Bob's school and that they showed an interest in becoming involved. They both gave an indication that one of them may be interested in the secretary position.

**Unfinished Business** – The topic of Premiums (freebees) was tabled at this meeting.

**Announcements** – Our next meeting will be held 14 Mar 2011 in the Library Conference Room. Rose Ann Gindele gave the 26<sup>th</sup> of March as the date of the new building's Open House.

**Adjournment** – Harry Welter made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Lisa Marx seconded the motion. The meeting officially closed at about 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Barthel, Secretary