

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: March 14, 2011

Bob Zahler, President, called the Board Meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:01 PM in the Library Room of the St. Michael City Center. The directors present were Stephen Barthel, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Bob Zahler, Harvey Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, and Dan Lenz. There were four visitors who attended the meeting. The minutes were read by Stephen Barthel. Since there were no corrections or additions, minutes were approved as read.

Reports & Business

President's Report – Marla Scherber accepted \$135.00 as the payment for the old library furniture sold to the historical society.

Treasurer's Report – The balance was reported to be at \$9,950.78 with the total amount of expenses at \$322.92 and the deposits at \$3,765.00.

Website – Stephen Barthel reported 72,000+ visitors to our website. This was a 5,000+ increase from last month's report. He also discussed how he talked with Mike Schoemer of the St. Michael Patch regarding putting a link to our website on the St. Michael Patch. Stephen was told that as long as we had a couple of photos, a main contact, and a suite number of where we meet, our request would be made. It was decided that the new secretary, Matthew Eiyneck, would be listed as the main contact, and that we could give Mike a few pictures and the location of where we meet to complete his request. Stephen also announced that he was in the process of adding marriages from 1889-1910 onto the website.

Newsletter – The deadline for Sheldon to receive the information for the next newsletter remains April 15th. It was announced that the next newsletter would be sent out sometime in mid-May.

Membership – Sheldon Barthel reported that there were 98 members which is one more since the last meeting. Nine members have still not paid their dues and will be notified to do so or they will be taken off the membership roster.

Business – It was mentioned that we should make sure to put a notice in the St. Michael Catholic Church Bulletin, as well as the Crow River News, regarding the next meeting, which is the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will take place Monday April 11th. The time was moved to 6:30 PM in the Library Room of the City Center. A suggestion was made to promote our Annual Meeting during the open house of the City Hall. It was also suggested that we mail postcards to the members of the society reminding them when the meeting will take place and the location. Bob said he would be able to send out the postcards. The next meeting will be followed by a "show and tell" social where people will be invited to bring in different items representing the history of St. Michael, and to share a story behind it. Linda Schumm, Rose Ann Gindele, and Lisa Marx all offered to bring various treats for the Annual Meeting.

The open house of the City Center will take place on Saturday March 26th from 10-2. Shifts for people staying around the historical society room during the open house were noted. Bob and Sheldon offered to take the 10-12 shift, Rose Ann the 11-12, and Lisa the 1-2 shift.

Bob said he had looked around and eventually found a computer for around \$550.00 that he thought would be a good choice. He shared that he was in the process of talking to the school district on possibly getting a discount for Microsoft Office Package, and that the computer could be arriving as early as this week.

New Business – Sheldon suggested that a contact list be made of the board members so that there could be better communication between the members. Sheldon offered to make copies of contact sheets for the president, vice president, secretary, and the treasurer. Bob brought up an idea of coasters as a possible item to give to all the current members as a gift. No action was taken on the idea of give-aways.

Announcements – Our next meeting, the Annual Meeting, will take place on Monday April 11th at 6:30 PM in the Library Room.

Adjournment – Lisa Marx motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Rose Ann Gindele. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Eiyneck, Secretary