

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: October 8th, 2012

Bob Zahler, president, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:01 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. The directors present were Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, Brendan Sage, Dan Lenz, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Harvey Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, and Crystal Sayen. The minutes from the September 10th meeting were approved as read.

Reports & Business

President's Report – Bob shared the most recent donation to the society from Merle Schumm which was Conrad Schumm's store account ledger from 1890-1902; book number three. The handwriting is very legible and gives the society the opportunity to see the names of relatives and what they purchased. The book's cover and binding is tattered and so Bob contacted the Minnesota Historical Society and they suggested buying a book box and limiting the handling to preserve the ledger. The idea was brought up for Crystal to scan the individual pages to a PDF file and post them on the website; that idea was tabled for now.

Treasurer's Report – The balance was reported at \$6,621.21 with a total of \$18.53 in expenses and \$135.00 in deposits.

Website – Stephen reported the latest website visits at 278,123 which represented a 45,248 increase; there was a statistical spreadsheet put together regarding website viewing history. He is now half way through the process of completing the cemetery photos on the website and is currently working on the 11th right row. Stephen's goal for completion still remains Christmas.

Media Specialist – Crystal completed the advertising for the society's appraisal show by submitting ads to the North Crow River News, the Drummer, and the Patch. In a separate matter, Harry motioned and Lisa seconded to have Crystal make a second copy of the 1990 Catholic Church centennial photo. The motion was approved.

Newsletter – Sheldon noted that the deadline is October 26th to submit articles for the newsletter. Sheldon said he intends to include a photo from the Daze and Knights parade along with a notice on membership renewal and Bob's mysterious coconut story. Bob said he would provide the parade photo and caption. Sheldon also suggested to everyone present that if they have a story or memory to share for the newsletter that Bob and Steve would correct the article grammatically and make it print-ready.

Membership – There was one new member added from the recent eighth grade graduation reunion. The new addition brought the membership total to 102 members.

Old Business – Appraisal show: members do not need to show up any earlier than 5:00 PM to help out at the appraisal; most of the other appraisal show details were decided at the previous meeting. John motioned and Wayne seconded to give free admission to the appraisal show to society members. The motion was approved.

New Business – Bob stated that as a matter of good procedure the society should do an internal audit of the financial records. Harry motioned and Lisa seconded to have Brendan and Crystal audit the records with past president, Rose Ann Gindele, acting as chair. The audit for 2012 could take place any time between January and April 2013.

Announcements – The last meeting of 2012 will take place November 12th at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116.

Adjournment – Harry motioned to adjourn; Earl seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendan Sage, Secretary