

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: September 10th, 2012

Bob Zahler, President, called the Board Meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:02 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. The directors present were Rose Ann Gindele, Brendan Sage, John Jaeb, Lisa Marx, Harvey Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, and Crystal Sayen. The minutes from the August 13th meeting were approved as read.

Reports & Business

President's Report – Bob was happy with the turnout at the Fall Festival and the photo made by Crystal turned out fantastically for identifying the faces. The idea was brought to discussion to keep the photo for identifying faces and reprint an additional picture to frame.

Treasurer's Report – The balance was reported to be at \$6,504.74 with a total of \$0.00 in expenses and \$19.50 in deposits.

Website – As of the evening of the 9th of September, our website visits numbered at 233,082. Steve is working at entering the photos of the 5th right row of the old St. Michael Cemetery, after completing the first four right rows. Since not all obits of St. Michael people tie into the cemeteries, he will create a separate section for obits, with links to their tombstones (if they are buried in any of the St. Michael cemeteries). This should cover people like Annabelle Kons (who was a Zachmann), who was not buried in St. Michael.

Media Specialist – Crystal had nothing to report, but expressed interest in helping out with records, etc.

Newsletter – Sheldon could not attend the meeting.

Membership – A few more members were renewed/added during the festival, Bob mentioned putting information in the newsletter on membership renewal.

Old Business – Bob reported that we have the appraisal show scheduled for Monday October 22nd at the main city hall chamber. It was then decided among the members to start the appraisal at 6:00 PM and open up the doors at 5:30 PM for handing out tickets and end at 9:00 PM pending on Birkeland & Associates availability. The admission of \$2.00 was proposed with a strict two-item limit per person. The items also have to be able to be carried inside. Just like last year, refreshments will also be provided during the event. Bob said he would talk to the sheriff's department regarding police presence at the event. Also, it was proposed that the historical society should provide Birkeland & Associates with two \$30 gas cards for their time and gas to come out here. Advertisement ideas included having ads put in the Crow River News, The Drummer, The Patch, etc. All of the members agreed to help out at the appraisal. All of the appraisal-related proposals were combined into one motion by Harry Welter (date, admission fee, number of items, the time, and the gas cards); Lisa seconded the motion. Also, Crystal will put the event on Facebook. As a matter of general practice it was also discussed that someone would be available to sign up new members and take renewals from existing members.

New Business – No new business was discussed.

Announcements – Lyle Barthel donated a pair of his father or grandfather's eyeglasses from Dr. Thielen in Saint Michael. The next meeting will take place October 8th at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116.

Adjournment – Harvey motioned to adjourn. Harry seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brendan Sage, Secretary