

# ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Sheldon Barthel, acting President, called the Board Meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:03 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. The directors present were Rose Ann Gindele, Brendan Sage, John Robeck, Stephen Barthel, Matthew Eynck, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Harvey Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch and Crystal Sayen. A few minor corrections were made to the minutes from the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, a motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Harry and seconded by Lisa; the motion carried.

## Reports & Business

**President's Report** – Bob could not attend the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – The balance was reported to be at \$7,523.22 with a total of \$53.42 in expenses, and \$70.00 in deposits. The society just received a \$50 donation that will be included on the next report.

**Website** – Over the last month the website visits numbered 40,917. Steve intends to insert 200 biographical files onto the website and link those files to the respective family cemetery files.

**Media Specialist** – Crystal edited the newly taken member pictures from the previous meeting.

**Newsletter** – Sheldon shared with the society that almost one third of the newsletters are being sent via email; which is a great way to save money and paper.

**Membership** – Sheldon mentioned that the Hanover Historical Society said the \$25 we received before the previous meeting was a donation, so the society returned the favor by sending a thank you card and posting their link on the society's website. Also, he stated that Lisa will ask Perry and Barb Zachman to fill out an application for their free membership so that we have their contact information on file.

**Old Business** – The “cemetery clean up” is this coming Saturday and Bob forgot to contact the local newspapers but will contact them as soon as possible. The “Knights of Columbus” donated \$5,000 towards the \$15,000 project for illumination of the clock. The society has been given the duty to fundraise the remaining funds for the illumination project. Also, Kilian Electric inspected the display case and submitted a bid to add an electric outlet, and also suggested replacing the current “puck lights” as well. The idea of the city paying for the lights was brought up and will be figured out. The cost would be \$230 (plus inspection fees) along with the price of the digital display. The fees can be reimbursed by the leftover money from the Carlsons. A motion was made by Harry to set aside \$600 for the “display case project” and seconded by Wayne; the motion carried. The participation of the society in the “Daze and Knights” festival was discussed among the board members. Matt motioned to not participate in the “Daze and Knights” Expo Tent, Lisa seconded and the motion carried. The motion of participating in the parade was tabled for next meeting.

**New Business** – There was no new business to discuss.

**Announcements** – The next meeting will take place on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116.

**Adjournment** – Harry motioned to end the meeting; Harvey seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendan Sage, Secretary