

## ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: January 13, 2014

Bob Zahler, President, called the Board Meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:05 PM in the Library Conference Room. The directors present were John Jaeb, Lisa Marx, Bob Zahler, Earl Vetsch, Crystal Sayen, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele and Dan Lenz. The minutes were read by Bob and amended for clarification by Sheldon and Bob. John motioned to approve the amended minutes; Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### Reports & Business

**President Report** – Bob reported that we received a check for \$510 from the Building It Together Fund of the Central Minnesota Community Foundation. Although the primary request was to cover the cost of the electrical work in the display case, Bob had also mentioned the cost of the digital monitor to the committee and they were able to reimburse the society for the cost of both. Bob reported that Curt Zachman was in the process of rebuilding the website in an attempt to prevent future problems. Bob will ask Curt to update the website with the proper upcoming meeting date since no one else can access the website at the moment. Additionally, Bob reported on new acquisitions which included three examples of Mike Kilian medicines from John Zachman and a bag of buttons advertising the Crow River Sportsmen Trap Shoot from Jim Voderbruggen. Finally, Bob reported that Secretary Mathew Eiynek will not be available for the next several meetings due to conflicts with his class schedule. Lisa agreed to fill in until someone else steps forward.

**Treasurer's Report** – John reported the current balance at \$7,438.11. Expenses since the last report were \$372.55 and deposits were \$500.00. The reimbursement from the Building It Together Committee is not included in this report.

**Website** – Steve was not present but sent a note that he had been continuing work on the biographical files.

**Media Specialist** – Crystal brought a reprint of the 1931 church jubilee photo with the digital numbers added. There was some discussion about the possibility of reprinting the photo along with a name index as a fund raiser. This could also be done with the 1990 church photo. Crystal said she would report back with estimates. Bob will have his student aide assist in correlating the numbers from his copy with Crystal's new one.

**Newsletter** – The deadline for articles is January 25th. Sheldon will distribute the winter issue at the next meeting.

**Membership** – Sheldon sent out a reminder notice on January 4. He reported that as dues came in he received many positive comments on the newsletters and several members had updated their contact information. Bob said that he would personally contact Curt and Shawna Zachman regarding their dues. Sheldon clarified that Guidance Point (Perry and Barb Zachman) would receive membership for each year they host our website.

**Old Business** – Regarding the Trivia Night, Bob said that he would contact Liberty Bar and Restaurant to see if they are interested in partnering on a trivia night. No other action taken.

**New Business** – Our bylaws may need some updating to reflect more accurately the way we intended to operate. Many of the bylaws were borrowed from another organization's bylaws and we simply adopted them at the time of our founding without practical knowledge of the implications. Sheldon and Bob will form an ad hoc committee to go through these and bring any recommendations to the board.

The bylaws discussion led to discussion regarding an endowment fund. Sheldon noted that current wording on the membership forms implies that donations above and beyond dues payments would go to an endowment fund, which we don't have, strictly speaking. After considerable sharing of opinions on how to proceed, it was finally motioned by Sheldon to have John open a savings account at Great Northern Bank with the intent to decide at a future date how much money from the checking account to transfer to the savings account to make it a true endowment fund. Dan seconded the motion and it carried.

Sheldon pointed out that the fee for our website domain name should be due in August. Bob said he would check with Guidance Point on what action we need to take and when.

The digital display is now running 24 hours a day. It was pointed out that having a sign by the monitor indicating the theme of the photos should always be there. Bob said he would look into a new set of photos to display.

**Announcements** – The next meeting will take place on February 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room.

**Adjournment** – Earl motioned for adjournment with RoseAnne seconding the motion; all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Marx, acting secretary