

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: November 14, 2022

Brendan Sage, President, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:06 PM in the City Hall craft room. Other directors present were Bob Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Earl Vetsch, Crystal Sayen, Lyle Barthel, John Jaeb, and Dick Swanson.

President's Report – Brendan had nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa was not present but reported that the balance on 09/12/22 was \$14,339.31. The balance as of 11/14/22 is \$14,293.12. Expenses since the last report were \$66.19. Deposits were \$20.00. The Endowment savings balance is \$3,344.53.

Media Specialist/Webmaster – Crystal reported that our website needs to migrate to the newest content management system by August of 2023 or it will not be supported and work properly. She is working with Joe Kaul to get more information on this or the possibility of completely redoing our website. The website hosting is set to expire on Nov. 18th, 2024. Our domain name is about to expire and Bob made a motion to renew for 1 year at \$19.99 plus tax. Seconded by John. Ideas for a new look on our website consisted of revamping the store, creating a members only area, and look at other historical society websites for possible ideas or features.

Membership – Crystal reported that memberships as of 11/14/22 was at 140 members with 2 new members added since our last meeting.

Newsletter – Bob reported that for the next newsletter he is doing an article on Nestor VonBank's book and his experience in World War II. He was able to finish some of Nestor's experience by locating the name of a soldier he had saved using find-a-grave.com. The newsletter will go out at the end of November and will include a membership dues renewal form and information in the newsletter about the dues increase.

Curator – Bob reported that Bonnie Kelly donated a jigsaw puzzle based on an art print by Jim Kasper for our collection. It was also noted that we need to update the display case in the hallway and possibly include a current copy of our newsletter on our door with membership forms for the public to read or join if interested.

Old Business – Bob is working with Ryan Gleason, St. Michael City Council Member, about a statue or memorial at the Corner Bar site. Lyle mentioned an idea of possibly obtaining one of the historical church bells for the site.

New Business – A Schuler's poster was sold for \$25. Bob contacted auction masters to see if they could do an online auction to sell off the corner bar advertising materials we have in our collection.

Announcements –The next meeting will take place on February 13th at 7:00 PM in the St. Michael City Hall craft room.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the board meeting was made by John, seconded by Bob, approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Sayen, Secretary