

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: September 11, 2023

Bob Zahler, Acting President, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:03 PM in the St. Michael City Hall craft room. Other directors present were Lyle Barthel, Dan Lenz, John Jaeb, Lisa Marx, Sheldon Barthel, Earl Vetsch, and Crystal Sayen.

President's Report – Absent

Treasurer's Report – Lisa reported that the balance on 4/10/23 was \$15,608.96. The balance as of 9/11/23 is \$15,672.45. Expenses since the last report were \$700.28. Deposits were \$463.11. The Endowment savings balance is \$3,857.24 with 96 cents of interest.

Media Specialist/Webmaster – Crystal reported that with the change of the new website our emails have been deactivated and a new main one should be set up. There is an additional fee associated with creating an email address on a monthly basis. The board approved this \$72 increase and to set up info@saintmichaelhistory.org as an active email address. Motion by Dan. Seconded by Lyle. Crystal also asked that others review the new website to make sure all links were working correctly. Crystal is looking for other content to put into the members only section of the website. It was suggested to use photos from weekly facebook postings.

Membership – Crystal reported that memberships as of 9/11/23 was at 139 members.

Curator – Bob reported that Steve and the society has a copy of church records from both St. Michael & Albertville parishes dating back to their start in 1857. The banner from the Christian Mother's is in the office. Bob also has a shot glass from Eddy's bar/Blue Moon and Dale's 66, mixing bowls from Bloms and Bernings Mill and Vern's pie plate in the office too. Bob is considering putting these items in the display case that needs to be updated. There are church bulletins from the 60s, 70s, and 80s that were donated to the society.

Newsletter – The newsletter was sent out in August. An idea for the Nov newsletter is Fr. Miks.

Old Business – The sculpture project grant submission was sent in by Bob last Wednesday. If we are awarded this grant we will need to put up 10%. Phase 1 recipients will be notified in mid-October by the Central MN Arts Board. If we are awarded this it will allow us to pay artists to submit ideas to a formed committee to select the best one. Phase 2 consists of applying for another grant with the Central MN Arts Board to get the statue/sculpture made and installed. We could also raise funds by selling pavers with purchaser's names on them. We would be responsible for 25% of the cost to put up the statue/sculpture.

New Business – Bob said we could use the 32auctions website for the Corner Bar online auction. It costs \$110 to use the site. Lisa made a motion to set up the auction site to host sometime in the future. Seconded by Dan. We need to form a committee for the sculpture/statue art submissions. 5-7 people would be ideal, perhaps some members from SOAR or FYCC. A student membership option for new members could help bring in others to the society. Students would pay just \$5 and this new option will be implemented for 2024. Motion made by Dan. Seconded by Lisa. The digital photo frame monitor in the display case died and John motioned to spend up to \$150 to replace it. Motion seconded by Sheldon.

Announcements – The next meeting will take place on November 13th at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the board meeting was made by Dan, seconded by Lisa, approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Sayen, Secretary