ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: August 8, 2011

Bob Zahler, President, called the Board Meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:05 PM in Library Conference Room 116. The directors present were Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Bob Zahler, Harvey Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, John Robeck, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, and Lisa Marx. A Motion was made by Sheldon Barthel to accept the minutes with minor amendments. Wayne Kessler seconded the motion. The Motion was carried. Visitors to the meeting were Evelyn Roehl of Seattle and Linda Schumm.

President's Report – Bob Zahler welcomed the members and requested a roll call of directors and reading of the June 13th Minutes by Steve Barthel, acting in place of Matthew Eiynck. Bob showed all in attendance the plaque that would be presented to the Carlsons following the meeting, which is in appreciation for their donation to the Build-it-Together committee, which benefited the Historical Society.

Treasurer's Report – John Jaeb reported a balance, as of Jun 13th, stood at \$7276.08. Expenses were \$1082.73. As of August 8, 2011, the balance currently stands at \$6193.35.

Website – Steve Barthel reported that the number of visits to the website was at 97,496. Steve reported that he added a 'Store' to the website, where the note cards, Bob Zahler's book, and the Blazer's CD are now posted. Steve remarked that both Bob and Sheldon would be benefiting the Historical Society. Bob would take care of note card sales' mailings through the website and Sheldon would be giving a portion of his profit from the CD sales. Steve said the website death index now covers 1857-1865 and 1890-1970.

Newsletter – Sheldon Barthel handed out newsletters to those members that were present and would mail the remaining newsletters on August 9th. The Fall newsletter will be mailed in November. He mentioned that he was now using the new publishing software.

Membership – Sheldon Barthel reported that we now have 100 members.

Old Business – Lisa Marx informed the Board of possibility doing an "Antiques Road Show" for our Fall event, where people can bring in items and have them appraised. There may need to be fees involved and restriction on items to bring. Birkeland & Associates, Inc. was mentioned. Their web address is: http://www.birkelandestatesale.com/.

Bob Zahler set assignments for staffing our booth at the Daze & Knights festival. He also gave us examples of the newly printed 'Grocery List' pad with Schumm's store photo printed on the page, which will be used as a promotional item for the festival.

New Business – Bob Zahler mentioned that the St. Michael Church Festival would be September 11th, which is before our next Board Meeting. We would be asked to help out. He also talked about forming a Collections Policy Committee. Committee names mentioned were Sheldon Barthel, Bob Zahler, and Rose Ann Gindele. He also confirmed that our next Board Meeting would be Monday, September 12th at 7:00 PM in Room 116 of the Conference Room adjoining the Library.

Adjournment – Harry Welter made the Motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sheldon Barthel. The Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:03 PM, after which the plaque was presented to the Carlsons.

Respectfully submitted, Stephen S. Barthel, Acting Secretary