

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: October 12, 2015

Sheldon Barthel, President, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:01 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116 at the St. Michael City Center. Other directors present were Rose Ann Gindele, Dan Lenz, Stephen Barthel, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Harry Welter, and Earl Vetsch. The minutes from the September 14, 2015 meeting were read and approved as read.

President's Report – Sheldon reported on the presentation of the Ken Zylla print at the American Legion monthly meeting on the third Monday of September and the Funday Sunday event that followed. At the meeting there was interest in the print but no actual buyers.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa reported that the balance of 9/14/15 was \$7,082.26. The balance as of 10/12/15 is \$7,690.76. Expenses since the last report were \$649.50 and deposits were \$1,258.00.

Media Specialist – Absent

Membership – Sheldon reported no change in membership. Membership stands at 107. 1st notice for 2016 dues will be sent out in the November newsletter.

Curator – Bob reported the back up software is installed and will automatically save stuff. Fr. Greg Bonsiglio visited, had a farm in Albertville and was related to Zimmers, and donated a book on doing Germanic genealogy.

Newsletter – Bob will do something on WW1 or WW11 vets, photos. Deadline for articles is October 29th.

Website – Stephen reported 25 new lines of people plus updated existing people to “Find a Grave” website. He updated the genealogical site with new window to Historical Society site.

Old Timers Interview Committee – Absent

Old Business

- Ken Zylla Print: Sheldon reported that to date 70 prints are sold: 63 framed, 7 unframed. Only 4 Artist Proofs remain. Stephen mentioned the Library would be a good idea to display Print, or mention possibility as Christmas gift in Nov. newsletter.
- Our framer, Gary LaPoint, who has worked with Ken Zylla, offered to help distribute prints to wholesalers nationwide but would only pay \$22.50 per print. Other vendors will be checked out later next year as print sales slow down in our area.
- Winner of the Cornerstone Womens' Center Gala silent auction Ken Zylla print, donated by the Historical Society, was Anita Lenneman who had the high bid of \$175.00.
- No orders for Ken Zylla prints yet from Mighty Graphics Ebay site.
- Sheldon will approach Rotary Club and Fire Department for possible presentations on print. He will be making a presentation in December at the Foxtailers Snowmobile Club meeting.

New Business

- Some suggestions were brought up for events to tie in with our upcoming monthly meetings. We will try to reschedule Joe Dehmer, of Dehmer's Meats for a presentation after the first of the year. Other possibilities are Kilian Electric. Bob suggested we could have one evening of show and tell of part of our curated items collection, which currently the public has not had access to.
- Bob mentioned we could change the window display in our City Hall display case in the near future, perhaps one displaying artifacts from the Kilian water cure house.
- Bob also mentioned we have two boxes full of leftover refrigerator magnetic grocery list pads we should give out to any members who want them because they still have our old website address listed on the bottom.

Announcements – Our next meeting will be on November 9th at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room.

Adjournment – Harry motioned to adjourn, Bob seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Marx, acting secretary