

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: November 9, 2015

Sheldon Barthel, president, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. Other directors present were Rose Ann Gindele, Dan Lenz, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Calvin Schoen, Harvey Zahler, Bob Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch and Crystal Sayen. The minutes from the October meeting were amended and approved as amended.

Reports and Business

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

Treasurer's Report – Lisa reported that the balance as of November 9, 2015 was \$7, 690.76 with \$59.99 in expenses and \$40.00 in deposits.

Media Specialist – Crystal had nothing new to report.

Membership – Sheldon reported that the total membership is still at 107. Also, 18 people have already paid their dues for 2016.

Curator - Bob reported that he picked up some things thanks to the newsletter. He received photos of Phil Steffens, Clem Vetsch, Bill Robeck, and Bill Kessler, while they were involved with World War I. Bob also received a copy of Bill Kessler's diary from his time during the war. Lyle Barthel donated a power agreement that belonged to his grandfather, Matt Barthel, dating back to 1926.

Newsletter – Bob reported that the newsletter is nearly done. His article on World War I is about 90% complete. He also thought about using parts of Bill Kessler's diary to fill in some of the article as well.

Website – Steve reported that he added, to date, 2730 lines to the biographical area, which is linked to family search. He also reported that he is in the process of renaming the biographical files to genealogical files. Also, 2290 or about 84% of those files have also been linked to find a grave as well. Steve also modified 521 memorials and he also stated that 522 memorials are from the St. Michael area for find a grave. He also added over 1000 photos.

Interview Committee – Harvey had nothing new to report.

Old Business – We have sold 70 Ken Zylla prints to date. Mighty Graphics still has not received any orders for prints as well. Sheldon was planning on speaking to the Foxtailers snowmobile club and possibly the Rotary Club and St. Michael Fire Department about the prints.

New Business – Lyle brought up the video his son, Larry, did for the historic church. He used his drone to videotape the entire church, and recommended we all take a look at it. Also, an idea was brought up about getting more exposure for the Ken Zylla print. Bob suggested that an article be written and placed in the newspapers to further our exposure to the public.

Announcements – The next meeting will take place on January 11, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. This will also be the meeting that Joe Dehmer shares history and photos of Dehmer's Meats.

Adjournment – Bob motioned to end the meeting; Lisa seconded it. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Calvin Schoen, secretary