

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: March 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 Harvey Zahler, Bob Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, Crystal Sayen, Rose Ann Gindele, Dan Lenz, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, and Calvin Schoen. The minutes from the February 9, 2015 meeting were approved after amendment.

Reports & Business

President's Report – Sheldon reported that the society received some information for upcoming events from the Minnesota Historical Society. A special meeting will take place immediately following the scheduled board meeting to discuss the new website in greater detail. Evelyn Roehl is a society member from Washington who read Bob's article on the church. She sent ten article copies of how churches out there were able to be used for purposes other than holding holy services. Also, Judy Barthel Lyrek from New York sent the society a letter containing her yearly dues as well as a \$50 donation.

Treasurer's Report – John reported that the balance as of March 9, 2015 is \$9,415.87 with a total of \$54.40 in expenses, and \$178.00 in deposits.

Media Specialist – Crystal reported that things are going well. Most of the information from the old website has been transferred to the new website. They are also currently working on specifying items that are and aren't for purchase on the website. Crystal also reported that we will not find out about the Legacy Grant until sometime in June.

Membership – Sheldon reported that we have 105 members on the roster, but 13 members still remain delinquent for their 2015 dues. A final notice will be sent at the end of the week for those who still haven't paid.

Curator - Bob reported that everything from the Welter family has been scanned. He also received some ads for cologne and tonic from around 1888 that were donated by Grace Becker.

Website - Steve was not present at the meeting, but he had some things to report. Sheldon reported in Steve's place, and reported that he has added more lines of biographical files to the new website. In all, there are about 2481 biographical files on the new website. Sheldon also reported that Steve had recently been at a meeting for the Wright County Historical Society on the 26th of February. At the meeting, information was given on how to link our website with other historical society websites.

Interview Committee – The Interview Committee had only one thing to add, and that was that they were waiting for warmer weather to begin interviews.

Old Business – Bob reported on the progress with the Ken Zylla project. The painting is done and that it currently is in the process of having its colors separated. The painting should be printed in the very near future. John Jaeb is currently looking for a replacement treasurer. Lisa volunteered to take over John's duties as treasurer. Wayne motioned to make Lisa the new treasurer. Harry 2nded the motion. The motion carried for Lisa to become the new treasurer.

New Business – Discussion was made on some upcoming material for the next newsletter. Possible ideas for articles included something on the Ken Zylla painting, as well as an article on Ken himself. Another idea was of doing an article on the 30 year anniversary of when St. Michael was the subject for the Saturday edition of the Star Tribune's spot light. The new website was also brought up as an article possibility as well.

Announcements – The next meeting will take place on April 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116.

Adjournment – Bob motioned to end the meeting; Harvey seconded it. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin Schoen, secretary