

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: January 11, 2016

Sheldon Barthel, president, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:45 PM in the Library Conference Room, after a guest presentation by Joe Dehmer, past and long-time owner of Dehmer's Meats, on the history of the family operation. Other directors present were John Jaeb, Bob Zahler, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, Steve Barthel, Dan Lenz, and Harvey Zahler. The minutes from the November 9, 2015 meeting were read and approved after amended.

President's Report –Sheldon shared kind sentiments included in correspondence received from a couple of members.

Treasurer's Report –Lisa reported that the balance on 11/9/15 was \$7,670.77. The balance as of 1/11/16 is \$8,791.25. Expenses since the last report were \$658.71 and deposits were \$1,779.19.

Media Specialist – Crystal was not present to report.

Membership – Sheldon reported that membership as of this meeting is at 108 members. 36 current members have not yet paid for the current year.

Curator - Bob reported that the WWI diary of Bill Kessler is now available on the historical society reference shelf and that we received the donation of a "Mr. Z's Drive-in" hat from Joe and Rhonda Zahler that probably dates from the 1980s.

Newsletter – Bob reported he has material for the next newsletter due out in February.

Website - Steve reported that there are 2778 lines of links to Genealogical Files on our website, and that 89% of these files are now linked to Family Tree in FamilySearch.org. The accompanying tombstones or grave markers from findagrave.com are linked as a source in Family Tree in the FamilySearch website.

Old Timers Interview Committee: nothing new to report

Old Business - Ken Zylla print: to date 78 prints have been sold; 69 framed and 9 unframed. All of the artist proofs have been sold and a display has been set up in the library with flysheets available containing purchase information. There has been another request for a print donation, this one from Kevin Lenz of the Rotary. On a motion from Wayne, seconded by Lisa, the board approved donating one print to the Rotary for their upcoming fundraiser.

New Business – none.

Announcements – The next meeting will take place February 8th at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room. After the regular meeting there will be a brief presentation by our curator on some of the unusual items in the archives.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn was made by Harry, seconded by Dan, approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Zahler, acting secretary