

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: March 14, 2016

Sheldon Barthel, President, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:01 PM in the Library Conference Room. Other directors present were John Robeck, Stephen Barthel, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Harvey Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, and Crystal Sayen. The minutes from the February 8 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Harry and seconded by Earl.

President's Report – Sheldon reported that 15 members were in arrears and that Rose Ann Gindele will not be returning to the board of directors.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa reported that the balance on 2/8/16 was \$9,031.25. The balance as of 3/14/16 is \$10,274.83. Expenses since the last report were \$207.85 including Canadian debit adjustments of \$14.42. Deposits were \$1,451.43. It was also noted that Greg Vetsch on behalf of Midwest Tools donated \$1,000.

Media Specialist – Crystal reported that society's Facebook page has hundreds of new likes and a lot of interaction on photos she has posted.

Membership – Sheldon reported that membership as of this meeting is at 113 members with 1 new member sign up. There are 15 members currently in arrears. March 31st will be the last day for members to renew.

Curator – Bob was not present to report.

Newsletter – Bob was not present to report. The next newsletter comes out in May.

Website – Steve reported that there are 2802 lines of links to Genealogical files on our website, and that 90% of those files are now linked to Family Tree in FamilySearch.org. He is hoping to finish the cemetery information this year as time permits. Steve also mentioned that the old records from Frankfort Township will be digitized on March 23rd and that only a few records needed to be redacted for privacy.

Old Timers Interview Committee: Nothing new to report.

Old Business – Ken Zylla print: Artists proofs are sold out and prints can be ordered in the library during their hours. Steve will look into possibly organizing another cemetery clean up in May. Crystal will look into putting a member's only section on the website with possible audio files from the Old Timers Interview Committee.

New Business – The annual meeting will take place next month with new officer elections. Rose Ann Gindele will no longer be serving on the board and a new member will need to be appointed. The by-laws committee is meeting on March 24th to discuss amending the current by-laws and members are welcome to join this committee. There was discussion on offering a tour of the St. Michael Historic Church in lieu of the June meeting and the New Church in September. This event would be open to the public with the possibility of Crystal creating a virtual tour to be posted on the website. Lisa, Maryann, & Clarence would conduct the tour of the Historic Church. Earl made a motion to grant a 1 year membership to Greg & Roxanne Vetsch for their donation to the society. The motion was seconded by Wayne and passed.

Ideas for membership outreach discussion continued: Steve & Crystal would talk about offering a program at the cost of membership for photo scanning, photography, or a genealogy workshop.

Announcements – The by-laws committee will be meeting on March 24th. The next meeting will place on April 11th at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room. After the regular meeting the Annual Meeting will take place.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn was made by Harry, seconded by Lisa, approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Sayen, acting secretary