

## **ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: January 14, 2019**

Calvin Schoen, 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 Sheldon Barthel, Bob Zahler, Lisa Marx, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, Lyle Barthel, Dan Lenz, John Jaeb, Brendan Sage, and Harvey Zahler. The minutes from the November 12, 2018 meeting were read and approved with minor amendments.

**President's Report** – Calvin reported that he received a survey request from Todd Mahon, the State History Services Manager. Bob said that he would assist Calvin in responding to the survey.

**Treasurer's Report** – Lisa reported that the balance on 11/12/18 was \$12,125.14. The balance as of 1/14/19 is \$12,462.92. Expenses since the last report were \$402.22 and deposits were \$740.00. The balance of the Endowment Fund is \$1,736.36.

**Media Specialist** – Crystal was not present to report.

**Membership** – Sheldon reported that membership as of this meeting is at an all-time high, but over 30 members are currently delinquent in their dues, which is not unusual for this time of the year. Sheldon also shared some of the kind messages he received when people sent in their membership dues.

**Curator** -Bob displayed the 1907 postcard and the 1921 calendar reported on at the November meeting. He also displayed one of the archival-safe storage boxes purchased for storing uniforms and other historic clothing.

**Newsletter** – Bob reported that he is currently working on the February newsletter which will feature an article on the giant snowman erected by the junior class in 1969 to win the KDWB radio contest.

**Website** – Steve was not present to report.

**Old Business** -Bob updated the board on the cemetery project grant proposal. The proposal was rejected due to not asking for enough money. Bob met with the State Archaeologist and members of the Minnesota Historical Society Grants program to get advice on how to proceed. They are interested in our project but want us to do a more extensive survey by an expert archaeology company using several types of technologies. Bob will hopefully be able to reapply with updated estimates this spring. Calvin reported that he still plans to bring in local author Joe Pysk to speak about his book, but it will have to wait until Joe is available.

**New Business** – Calvin was contacted by someone with an original painting of Berning's Mill. Bob contacted them to inquire what they wanted to do with the painting, but he did not receive a response. Bob will try to contact them again. Calvin asked the board if they had any ideas or requests for changes for 2019, but there were no specific suggestions. Lyle Barthel shared that he received a photo from Clarence Eull that was taken in the 1950s when field workers believed to be from Morocco were brought in to help with the harvest. He wants to do more research on the photo before bringing it in.

**Announcements** – The next meeting will take place February 11 at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn was made by Harry, seconded by Lisa. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Zahler, acting secretary