

St. Michael Historical Society Minutes: August 6, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:07PM, by President Rose Ann Gindele at St. Michael City Hall. There were 10 board members present and 3 guests. Board members present were: Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Bob Zahler, Harvey Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Mary Ann Eull, and Rose Ann Gindele.

Minutes of the July meeting were read, and after two amendments, motion was made to accept the minutes as amended. Motion made by Mary Ann Eull, seconded by Harry Welter. Motion carried.

Rose Ann received the Hanover Historical Society Newsletter and offered to share it with anyone wanting to read it.

Sheldon Barthel read treasurer's report prepared by John Jaeb. Total expenses since last meeting were \$50, total income \$668. Checkbook balance stands at \$3,326.53.

Wayne Mosher reported on the Historic Note Card Project. 220 sets are currently out in the field. 22 sets were sold in July for a total of \$330. Total cash turned in to date for this project is \$1,008.

No report from Genny with the Newsletter as she was not present at the meeting. Summer Newsletter was scheduled to be mailed just prior to Knights and Daze celebration, with extra copies for giveaways.

Knights and Daze participation was discussed. SMHS will sponsor a booth and parade float. Lisa and Rose Ann will check on tents for rent, Bob Zahler will pick up tables at Eull's, and bring some folding chairs. In the booth will be a Farm Photo Display, Newsletter giveaways, membership brochures, and Note Card sets on sale. Bob has mounted about 55 or so farms in a 3 ring binder. He will add a brief description on each farm covered. Rose Ann scheduled Booth worker assignments.

Mary Ann Eull reported that the wagon used in the parade would be a 7X11 foot flatbed with a 3X3 backboard. Some of the items to be on the float will be an old washtub, perhaps toaster, irons, and crock-pots, along with signs and skirting. It will be pulled by Ralph Kasper's 1949 or 1950 Farmall H tractor, with Paul Lindenfelser as the driver. Mary Ann was asked to choose items to give away at the parade and booth. Motion made by Harry Welter, seconded by Wayne Kessler, to reimburse Mary Ann for any expenses incurred in the giveaways, up to a maximum of \$100. Motion carried. Parade lineup is at 3PM, starts at 4PM. Our lineup number is 16.

Under unfinished business. Bob Zahler and Amy Biren will fill out a state grant application this fall for setting up a computer website.

Under new business, Bob Zahler, while digging through storage boxes from the old Frankfort town hall, came across Frankfort Township and St. Michael Village birth records dating from 1870 – 1952. They have now been moved from storage to a special room in City Hall. Bob stated volunteers would be needed to help preserve these records. Lisa Marx, Rose Ann Gindele, Earl Vetsch, and Harry Welter volunteered to help.

There being no other business, Sheldon Barthel moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lisa Marx. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Barthel
Secretary