

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: April 6th, 2009

President Rose Ann Gindele called the meeting to order at 7:02PM in the St. Michael City Hall council chambers. There were 6 guests and 13 board members present. Board members present were: Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Bob Zahler, Harvey Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, Genny Kieley, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, and Chuck Van Heel. Sheldon Barthel read the minutes of the March meeting, after which Harry Welter made a motion to approve as read, seconded by Chuck Van Heel. Motion carried.

Under correspondence, President Gindele reported receiving a letter from the IRS stating we no longer were required to file Form 8734 as the criteria for doing so was not applicable for our organization. She also received the Interpreter Newsletter from the Mn. History Center, and received notification that our annual E-postcard is due by May 15th, which she will file from her home computer. Rose Ann also said we received 2 more classroom pictures submitted by Dolores Berning Chouinard. President Gindele, in her report, stated memberships were arriving and \$86 in cash donations was sent in. She asked the board if we should send receipts and thank you cards for every cash donation regardless of size, and after much discussion Sheldon Barthel made a motion, seconded by Wayne Kessler, to send receipts and thank you cards only for any membership fees and/or donations equaling \$10 or more. Motion carried.

Rose Ann also submitted bills from Pinnacle for printing the Annual Report, and for postage used to mail out our quarterly newsletter. A motion was made by Bob Zahler to pay these bills, seconded by Lisa Marx. Motion carried.

Treasurer John Jaeb reported a checkbook balance of \$5,636.74 as of March 2nd, 2009. Expenses since that time were \$131.04, deposits totaled \$90.00. Checkbook balance before this meeting was \$5,505.70

Under committee reports, membership chairman Bob Zahler reported we currently have 53 paid memberships, and 16 who are delinquent. Bob said he would send out another notice to the delinquent members. Under Farm Photos, Bob reported that we now have 70 farm photos representing 67 farms, and that we now have 33 completed records for those farms. Wayne Mosher reported on the Historic Note Card project, and that there was no change in totals since last meeting.

Under unfinished business, Bob Zahler reported that Emily from Ad-Lan has a couple of sketches now for our logo but no finished product as website development continues. He also stated that he hopes to have it up and running within the next 2 months. Steve Barthel has 7,000 names ready for linkage on genealogical research as soon as the website is up and running. Bob Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, and Wayne Kessler reported on their presentation to the city council for inclusion in building space at the proposed new City Hall. The impression brought away was that the city was interested in helping out and suggested perhaps space at the old Frankfort Town Hall could be an alternative option. Space would be allotted for exhibits at the new city hall and library for display purposes, however.

Genny Kieley said she was working on the spring newsletter, which will probably have a farm theme. The summer issue may cover school and classes.

Elections of 5 new board members for a 3-year term took place. As there were no nominations from the floor, and the current board members whose terms were expiring showed a desire to run again, Chuck Van Heel made a motion for unanimous approval of the slate followed by a second from John Jaeb. Motion carried. Newly elected board members are:

Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Bob Zahler, and Harvey Zahler.

Rose Ann then asked for input for upcoming meetings. Suggestions to have Genny Kieley, member and author, and Steve Barthel make presentations were discussed. These could be done at possibly a June 29th and November 2 meeting.

Other meeting dates would be June 2nd, August 3rd, October 5th, and December 7th. Rose Ann mentioned that the City Festival would be held on August 22nd, and Church Festival on September 13th.

There will be a meeting of the board following this regular meeting to elect President and Vice President for the upcoming year and selection of Secretary and Treasurer. (Current officers were reelected and accepted. They are Rose Ann Gindele, President; Bob Zahler, Vice President; Sheldon Barthel, Secretary; John Jaeb, Treasurer.)

There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by John Jaeb, seconded by Harry Welter. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sheldon Barthel, Secretary