

## ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009

President Rose Ann Gindele called the meeting to order at 7:02PM in the St. Michael City Hall council chambers. There were 4 guests and 10 board members present. Board members present were: Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Lisa Marx, Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Bob Zahler, and Harvey Zahler. Sheldon Barthel read the minutes of the April meeting, after which Harry Welter made a motion to approve as read, seconded by Lisa Marx. Motion carried.

Under correspondence, Rose Ann said we received 3 membership renewals and a \$25.00 donation. We also received the Hanover Historical Society Spring Newsletter and the MN Historical Society's Quarterly History magazine. President Gindele, in her report, stated receipts and thank you's were sent to 19 memberships on April 8<sup>th</sup>, and 2 more on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The filing of Form 990-N on E-Postcard was done April 18<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned that last month's agenda had June 2<sup>nd</sup> as our June meeting date, which should have been entered as June 1<sup>st</sup> instead.

Treasurer John Jaeb reported a checkbook balance of \$5,505.70 as of April 6, 2009. Expenses since that time were \$41.05, Deposits were \$316.00. Our balance, as of May 4, 2009 was \$5,780.65.

Under committee reports, in membership, Bob Zahler reported we now have 58 paid members and 12 delinquents. Wayne Mosher, under Historic Note Cards, reported to date sales of 182 boxes for a total of \$2,695.00 taken in to date. Genny Kieley was not present to report on the upcoming newsletter.

Under unfinished business, Bob Zahler on website development, reported he had all the bio's in, and that the photos will go in next. He has left a message with Emily from Ad-Lan but has not heard back from her as of yet. Bob also reported that the city is planning to allot us space in the new city hall. Approximate size of our space will be 14 by 16 feet. A copy of the architectural drawing was passed out and there was generally positive feedback from all present.

Under new business, Rose Ann wondered if we should perhaps purchase a greater number of forever stamps before the price goes up in the next couple of weeks to save money on bulletin mailing postage and other correspondence. There was then a motion made by Sheldon Barthel, seconded by Harry Welter to purchase 280 forever stamps at \$117.60. Motion carried.

The subject of speakers for future meetings was brought up and it was decided to ask Genny Kieley, publishing author of several books of a historic nature to do a presentation, perhaps in June. Sheldon Barthel moved to schedule Genny, if available, seconded by Bob Zahler. Motion carried.

The board also tentatively scheduled Stephen Barthel, with his permission, to prepare a genealogical presentation toward the end of the year.

Stephen Barthel suggested that we form a partnership with Kaempfelbach Historical Society in Germany, as many families in St. Michael have their roots in that area, and perhaps link with their group on our website. Steve will keep in touch with them and see if they might be interested in visiting with us and perhaps put on a presentation. It was decided to table any further discussion until next month.

Bob Neiss, a guest, showed a scrapbook from his grandfather who lived out near Pelican Lake, and was purportedly to be the first one baptized in the Historic Church on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1893. He worked for McCormick Deering for most of his life, and in the scrapbook were articles on the Titanic sinking, Teddy Roosevelt and other local articles from early in this century.

Rose Ann made an announcement that the next meeting will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Bob Zahler, seconded by Lisa Marx. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheldon Barthel, Secretary