

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: March 12th, 2012

Bob Zahler, President, called the Board Meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:03 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. The directors present were Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Bob Zahler, Harvey Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, Matthew Eynck, Wayne Kessler, and Lisa Marx. Minutes were good as read.

Reports & Business

President Report– Bob suggested that Crystal Sayen be added to the reports on the agenda. He also shared a book written by Bob Herskovitz that shared how to establish a museum. Bob suggested possibly purchasing the book for the historical society. Sheldon motioned to table the decision. It was seconded by Harry, and was tabled.

Treasurer's Report – The balance was reported at \$6,751.00 with a total of \$90.00 in deposits, and \$41.25 in expenses.

Website – Bob stated that the website reached 133,771 visitors. Steve and Crystal are still working on reducing the size of the pictures of the grave markers. Steve also restored the PDF files of three countries in the Eifel Region of Germany.

Newsletter– Bob will be writing the feature article for May's newsletter. The deadline was set for the third week in April.

Membership– Sheldon Barthel stated that there were 19 unpaid members remaining. He will send out the final renewal notice on March 15th.

Collections Policy- Bob sent a collection policy that was adapted from Minnesota Historical Society template to all committee members. Sheldon stated that he felt the adapted version served its purpose well. Sheldon motioned to accept the policy. The motion was seconded by Harvey, and was approved.

Media Specialist- Crystal shared that she was still working on reducing the size of the grave marker photos. The possibility of a Facebook page was brought up as well.

Business–It was brought up to possibly show historic film footage of St. Michael during the annual meeting. Lisa and Bob both agreed they would work on getting film for the annual meeting. Bob also said he would send out postcards letting members know about the annual meeting a couple weeks before. Lisa and Rose Ann said they would bring treats and refreshments for the annual meeting. Crystal showed interest in running for a board member position. Sheldon motioned to start the annual meeting at 7:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Earl and was approved.

New Business - Bob encouraged members to talk to children and grandchildren about joining the historical society.

Announcements – The next meeting will take place April 9th at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. A speaker will be at the Library speaking on March 15th on growing up in Nazi Germany.

Adjournment– Lisa Marx motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Harry Welter, and was carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Eynck, Secretary