

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: May 14th, 2012

Bob Zahler, President, called the Board Meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:02 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. The directors present were Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, Stephen Barthel, Matthew Eiyneck, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Harvey Zahler, Bob Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, and Crystal Sayen. The minutes were amended by Stephen Barthel. John Jaeb motioned to approve the amended minutes. Wayne Kessler seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Reports & Business

President's Report – Bob shared a 1962 valuation report of homes and businesses in the Village of St. Michael. This was recently given to us for safe keeping by the city.

Treasurer's Report – The balance was reported to be at \$6,708.89 with a total of \$112.11 in expenses, and \$50.00 in deposits.

Website – Stephen reported the number of visitors at 144,578. He also recently created a Frankfort and St. Michael Village index linked to the 1940 Census.

Media Specialist - Crystal shared how she and Steve have been looking at billiongraves.com and possibly coordinating our cemetery information with their website for our patrons to use. Crystal also said that a Facebook page was up and ready for use. Steve said he would work on getting Crystal the capability of editing the website.

Newsletter – The newsletter is out. Steve will be working on the next article for the newsletter. The next newsletter will possibly have a section on what work is being added to the website. The next newsletter will be out in August.

Membership – Sheldon reported that one of the delinquent members renewed their membership. Three members still have not paid and their membership will be suspended. The current number of members is at 96. Consistent with the bylaws Bob declared a vacancy on the board of directors due to Genny Kieley having a suspended membership and not attending a board meeting for 12 consecutive meetings. Harry motioned to have Brendan Sage take the vacant position on the board of directors. Matthew seconded the motion. The motion was carried and Brendan agreed to serve.

New Business – Steve brought up the idea of interviewing seniors in the community. It was discussed that creating a contract and a set of question would need to be done. Bob suggested contacting the Wright County Historical Society about the legalities of publicizing interviews. There was also talk of possibly starting a committee for the work that needs to be done before local seniors are interviewed. Bob submitted an application for the St. Michael Historical Society to participate in the Daze and Knights Parade. The search for a car to use was discussed and Bob said he would contact a few people. Ideas for a new display in the display case outside the office were discussed as well. Possibilities for display themes included the 1940 census and/or a digital picture frame with rotating photos of St. Michael development over time. Steve will start working on updating the display case.

Announcements –The next meeting will take place June 11th at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116.

Adjournment – Harry motioned to end the meeting. It was seconded by John. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Eiyneck, Secretary