

## St. Michael Historical Society Minutes: May 12, 2014

Sheldon Barthel, President, called the Board Meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room. The directors present were Harvey Zahler, Bob Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, Crystal Sayen, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, John Robeck, Stephen Barthel, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, and Calvin Schoen. The Minutes were read by Sheldon and there were no amendments for clarification.

**President's Report** – Sheldon had sent in Calvin's bio and photo for the website. He received no response from Curt Zachman regarding the website. Sheldon also noticed that going on the website to look at information or make fixes as become a very lengthy process. Ideas were thought up to possibly pay someone down the road to maintain the Society's website.

**Treasurer's Report** – John was not present at the meeting, however, Calvin had the numbers. He reported that the current balance is at \$8402.07. Expenses since the last report were at \$77.04 and deposits were at \$0.00.

**Website** – Stephen reported that the month was a very busy one for him regarding the website. He was able to delete some 500 PDF files and place them on Familysearch.org and findagrave.com. He also reported that many of the biographical files have been cleaned up, and he added 55 graves from deaths since 2011. Many PDF files have been added into biographical files. Stephen believes that something is corrupting the website because loading material is simply taking too long to load.

**Media Specialist** – Crystal reported that she was working on the Catholic Church's 1931 Jubilee photo index, and that is was roughly half way done. She also reported that some folks on the social media site wish to see more photos. Ideas were brought up to share a photo from the recent newsletter on Facebook to try and draw in new members.

**Newsletter** – The latest newsletter is out, the next newsletter goes out in August. Bob wanted the members to let him know if they recognize anyone in the pictures that aren't already recognized. Possible ideas were brought up for the August newsletter. These include possible articles about the St. Michael Lions 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and their Bierstube event.

**Membership** – the society has a total of 98 members. Another member, Leroy Welter, passed away earlier this month.

**Old Business** – There was no old business to attend to.

**New Business** – Sheldon suggested that an executive committee of past and present president's be formed. Harry motioned to form the executive committee, Wayne 2nded them motion, the motion carried. New positions were created that include a Public Relations and Curator position. Crystal volunteered for the public relations post, and Bob is the Society's Curator. An individual Executive Director position was brought to the society's attention. This person would oversee day to day operations of the Society. This post is not needed however, as of right now. Sheldon wanted to add upcoming events into the future newsletters. These events include speakers, "old timer" BS sessions, and show 'n' tell at Board Meetings. Stephen also had some ideas that could be added to the August newsletter.

**Announcements** – The next meeting will take place on June 9, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room.

**Adjournment** – Harry motioned to end the meeting, Lisa 2nded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin Schoen, Secretary