

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: January 13, 2020

Brendan Sage, Acting President, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room. Other directors present were Lisa Marx, Harvey Zahler, Bob Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, Crystal Sayen, Lyle Barthel, Sheldon Barthel, Dan Lenz, and John Robeck.

President's Report – Calvin was absent but gave his report to Brendan. He is continuing to take photos of the new construction projects around town. He will also make sure to get to the Corner Bar to take photos.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa reported that the balance on 11/4/19 was \$12,754.66. The balance as of 1/13/20 is \$12,549.32. Expenses since the last report were \$205.34. Deposits were \$0.00. The Endowment savings balance is \$1,818.53.

Media Specialist/Webmaster – Crystal reported that the website had some issues with spam, the shopping cart software, and disabled forwarding email. Crystal contacted Joe Kaul to help with the website issues and rescanning the website for malicious files, as well as enabling a spam filter. The website has been backed up, updated, and is now running smoothly. Bob requested to change the price of his book in the online store, which Crystal did. There was a small fee added under shipping and handling that needs to be clarified and Crystal is working on that. Sheldon believes it may be the e-commerce credit card fee. Crystal will confirm at the next meeting. Lastly, there has been an issue with obtaining the funds from PayPal likely due to the bank switching ownership last year. Crystal is working with Lisa to add the new bank information to PayPal for future fund transfers.

Membership – Sheldon reported membership as of this meeting is at 125 members.

Curator – Bob reported that Frankfort township records are now available on family search.

Newsletter – Bob reported that the next newsletter topic will be on the Corner Bar. He interviewed several former bartenders/wait staff and took several photos of the building when he was there a few weeks ago. The newsletter will come out in February.

Website – Steve was not present to report.

Old Business – Calvin spoke with Joe Psyk and he will be available at the May meeting to host his book event. Bob mentioned looking into more proposals/quotes on a statue commemorating the German pioneer settlers in the new city park. The most cost effective option would likely be a computerized design and printed statue or looking for one already made and listed for sale in places such as eBay. Bob also set up a gofund me account to get a headstone for his Great, Great, Great, Grandma whose original headstone is unrecognizable in the historic cemetery. This could be an avenue to pursue for the statue for the city.

New Business – Book event in May, more details to follow.

Announcements –The next meeting will take place on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7pm in the Library Conference Room.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the board meeting was made by Harry, seconded by Lisa, approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Sayen, Secretary