

## St. Michael Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes:

November 13, 2023

Brendan Sage, President, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:01 PM in the Library Conference Room. Other directors present were Lyle Barthel, Dan Lenz, Bob Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Earl Vetsch, and Crystal Sayen.

**President's Report** – Nothing new to report.

**Treasurer's Report** – Lisa was absent.

**Media Specialist/Webmaster** – Crystal reported that she added a student membership option on the website and on the membership forms.

**Membership** – Crystal reported that memberships as of 11/13/23 was at 142 members with renewals being sent out this month.

**Curator** – Bob reported that he purchased the new digital photo frame for the display case. It uses wifi to send photos to it. There is also a sleep mode option enabled so it won't run at night. A future idea for a new display case exhibit is showcasing items local businesses may have used as giveaways.

**Newsletter** – Bob reported that the current newsletter is in progress with a topic of road changes through St. Michael over the years. A future idea for a topic could be the last dairy farm in St. Michael (Larry & Dale Kasper) sold their cows last week

**Old Business** – Bob is reported that he received a check from the MN Arts Board for the sculpture grant approval. The next steps for the sculpture project is to solicit request for proposals from artists wanting to submit their ideas. It needs to be detailed and list general wants and materials used for the sculpture. Bob will work on the RFP with the plan to have it done by Dec.1<sup>st</sup> and have it posted on art websites. Once we have submissions, we can select 7 artists and offer them \$250 each with grant funds to further create their sculpture plans. Once we get submissions we can form a committee for final selections.

**New Business** – The auction site for the Corner Bar items needs a coordinator for getting the items photographed and put on online. Crystal volunteered to work with Bob in January to get this done.

**Announcements** –The next meeting will take place on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the annual and regular board meeting was made by Dan, seconded by Lyle, approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Sayen, Secretary