St. Michael Historical Society Minutes: November 24, 2014

Sheldon Barthel, President, called the Special 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, Dan Lenz, John Robeck, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx and Calvin Schoen. The Minutes were read and there were no amendments for clarification.

Correspondence – Notice was given for the upcoming Minnesota State Historical Society's annual meeting. The society also received a letter from the State Historical Society informing us on items for sale at discounted prices. The Erie Landmark Company sent the society a brochure describing some of their foundry works such as plaques and markers used for historic buildings and locations.

President's Report – Sheldon reported that the old checks still had the Society's previous address on them. The new checks will have the new address on them. Sheldon also reported that the society has acquired a debit card for online purchasing and banking. A proposal for the new website was also brought up. The Kaul Design Group would start working on the new website with a \$300 down payment right away.

Treasurer's Report – John was not present at the meeting but it was reported that the balance was at \$7728.59.

Legacy Grant Update - Crystal reported that the deadline for the Legacy Grant is sometime in January.

Membership – the society has a total of 104 members. Over half of the membership renewals are now in.

Curator – Bob reported that he was currently looking at some items that Harry brought in. These items include a **St. Michael Saints** baseball scoring book and a signed **1953 St. Michael Saints'** baseball. Bob also reported that due to the Christmas break he will be able to do more cataloging.

Old Business – The Knights of Columbus and the Foxtailers snowmobile club have each donated \$500 for the Ken Zylla painting. The painting idea was discussed heavily. Prices were figured for the copies and the price for a copy of the original painting would be set at \$125. Wayne motioned to go forward with the painting. Bob 2nded the motion. The motion carried. Discussion on the historic church was tabled.

New Business – The brochure from the Erie Landmark Company was brought up. Possible plans for placing markers on St. Michael Historic sites was discussed. These plaques would help make new comers aware of the history of St. Michael. The plaque discussion was tabled for another time.

Announcements – The next meeting will take place on January 12, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room. This will also be the "What is it?" night where members can bring in an object to try and stump others on its use.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin Schoen, Secretary