

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD MEETING MINUTES: April 10, 2023

Brendan Sage, President, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:02 PM in the Library Conference Room. Other directors present were Bob Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Crystal Sayen, Lyle Barthel, Dan Lenz, and Lisa Marx.

President's Report – Since our last meeting had no quorum we read the minutes from November and approved those and the meeting minutes from February. Brendan set the meetings for the next year. As of now they plan to be held on June 5th, September 11th, November 13th, February 12th, and April 8th. Our monthly board meeting will close and the annual meeting will take place under New Business.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa reported that the balance on 12/31/22 was \$13,908.91. The balance as of 4/10/23 is \$15,909.62. Expenses since the last report were \$93.42. Deposits were \$405.00. The Endowment savings balance is \$3,836.28 with 91 cents of first quarter interest.

Media Specialist/Webmaster – Crystal reported that she is working on the new website with an expected launch date of June 1st, 2023. She is asking for input from other members about features or things they would like to see on the website. The website committee will need to meet in May for testing of the new website.

Membership – Crystal reported that memberships as of 4/10/23 was at 134 members with 11 members removed for non-renewal.

Curator – Bob reported that he sorted some boxes from the Catholic School records and has accepted stuff related to the old Catholic High School into our collection. Bob was contacted by Heidi at the church about the Council of Catholic Woman (CCW); formally known as Christian Mothers; about an old banner that is in need of repair. The cost of the repair is approx. \$3,000 and they are not interested in repairing it at that cost. Bob said they could donate the banner to us and we could hang on to it and preserve it as it for now. Sheldon's sister, Susan, donated a Chapel Veil and some books used by the St. Michael Catholic Church.

Newsletter – Bob reported that he is working on the next newsletter for May and looking for topic suggestions. Lisa suggested maybe something about Kilian Becker.

Old Business – Bob is working with a new person at the Central Minnesota Arts Board to navigate the grant process. He would like to get the first grant proposal for Sept to have the money available to entice artists to submit their art proposals for a statue or memorial. He plans to work on that over the summer and hopefully we can get art ideas in front of the city council as soon as possible. We are still working on ideas for other historical markers around town as well as our corner bar garage sale/auction event.

New Business – Lisa motioned to close the regular board meeting and open the annual meeting, seconded by Bob. Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:09pm. The Treasurer's 2022 financial report was approved by unanimous consent. The annual meeting consisted of elections for 4 members to the Board of Directors for another 3 years. These nominations to the board were, Bob Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Earl Vetsch, and Crystal Sayen. White ballot was appointed.

Announcements –The next meeting will take place on June 5th 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 Lisa, approved by all. The annual meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Sayen, Secretary