

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: June 8, 2015

Sheldon Barthel, president, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. Other directors present were Dan Lenz, Brendan Sage, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Lisa Marx, Calvin Schoen, Harvey Zahler, Bob Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch and Crystal Sayen. The minutes from the May meeting were approved as read.

Reports and Business

Correspondence – Gail Burger paid her dues and rejoined the Historical Society after being briefly suspended. Elaine Hasleton from Utah also became a society member. Currently Elaine works for Family Search. 1st American Bank joined the Historical Society as a business member. 1st American Bank also purchased a Ken Zylla print.

President's Report – Sheldon reported that some advertising for the Zylla print project has gotten out. He as well as others were currently in the process of informing the local press about the prints. The project has earned \$3,713 in sales. Approximately \$1,525 would go towards framing 22 of the first 23 prints sold. The net profit as of June 8th was \$2,188.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa reported that the balance as of June 8, 2015 was \$ 6,053.73 with \$79.75 in expenses and \$3,643.00 in deposits. Also, a \$4.40 check book debit for the conversion of Canadian and American money for Judith Vetsch's dues.

Media Specialist – Crystal reported that some changes were made to the online store to simplify things. She also reported that she posted something on Facebook regarding the Ken Zylla project. Crystal was currently in the process of contacting the St. Michael Patch to advertise the Zylla project.

Membership – Sheldon reported that we have 104 members on the roster. He also requested that any old application blanks should be disposed of because he revised them.

Curator - Bob reported that he contacted 1st American Bank to see if they were interested in purchasing prints to decorate one of their conference rooms. Bob also reported that Calvin and Brendan would be helping him in the office with curator duties throughout the summer.

Newsletter – Bob reported that he was planning on writing articles on St. Michael veterans of the World Wars. He is also hoping to bank plenty of articles before the school year starts.

Website – Steve reported that he is about 75% done with grave stones on findagrave.com. Steve also reported that he plans to work a little more with Joe Kaul on the new website.

Interview Committee – Harvey reported that they hadn't interviewed anyone new since the last meeting. Possible interviewees were discussed for the future.

Old Business – Ken Zylla is currently in the process of signing another 100 Limited Edition prints. John Roberts printing called and asked for press proofs as well. 10 prints, signed by Ken, will go back to John Roberts as press proofs. The Ken Zylla project will have its formal unveiling at the July 2015 meeting. Bob volunteered to help with print orders, Rose Ann and Lisa also volunteered to help with bars, cookies, and refreshments. Crystal also volunteered to help with the credit card swipe as well. Articles about the project and the event would be sent to the Wright County Journal Press, Crow River News, and North Wright County Today, as well as an online newsletter to the St. Michael Patch. Bob met with Dan Zachman regarding the insurance quotes. Harry motioned to hold off on insurance for a while. Lisa 2nded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business – Daze and Knights booth information was discussed. Bob motioned to pay the \$85 booth fee. Harry 2nded the motion. The motion carried to have a booth at the Daze and Knights festival. Bob also motioned to enter into the parade with Susie, the fire departments 1929 Chevrolet fire engine. Harry 2nded the motion. The motion carried. Steve shared information regarding the records of the City of St. Michael and Frankfurt Township. Elaine Hasleton of Family Search wants to digitize the records for free. Bob motioned to contact Elaine to begin digitizing records. Lisa 2nded the motion. The motion carried.

Announcements – The next meeting will take place on July 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. This meeting will be the formal unveiling of the Ken Zylla Project.

Adjournment – Harry motioned to end the meeting; Earl seconded it. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Calvin Schoen, secretary