

**ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD MEETING
MINUTES: April 11, 2016**

Sheldon Barthel, 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 Rose Ann Gindele, Dan Lenz, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Harvey Zahler, Bob Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, and Crystal Sayen. The minutes from the March 14, 2016 meeting and last year's annual meeting were approved as read.

The annual meeting consisted of amending the By-laws and elections for members to the Board of Directors. A motion made by Harry to amend Article IV, Section 2 of the By-laws, stating that newly elected board members will assume their positions on the first day of the month following the annual meeting. The motion was 2nded by Lisa and approved. A motion made by Wayne to amend Article V, Section 1 of the By-laws with the same information as above was 2nded by Harry and approved. A motion made by Lisa to amend Article VII, Section 1 of the By-laws, stating that there will be at least 2 weeks written notice of the Annual Meeting given to all members through print or electronic means including through a regular newsletter was 2nded by Earl and approved.

The five nominations for the Board were, Sheldon Barthel, Dan Lenz, John Robeck, Brendan Sage, and Lyle Barthel. Rose Ann Gindele resigned her position on the board and Lyle Barthel is running in her place. Bob made a motion to nominate Sheldon for his role as President and it was 2nded by Harry. Lisa motioned to close the nominations and Harry 2nded it. Bob made a motion to nominate Stephen in his role as Vice President and it was 2nded by Harry. Harvey motioned to close the nominations and it was 2nded by Earl.

Since there were no other nominations from the floor, the chair declared the slate elected. The elected will fulfill their positions in May. With no new business, Bob motioned to close the annual meeting and it was 2nded by Lisa. The annual meeting was adjourned and the society went into the monthly Board Meeting.

President's Report – Sheldon explained that the reason the Annual Meeting is divided into two sections is because the first part requires voting of the membership. On the second, or “Board” part of the meeting, the members of the Board of Directors are the only eligible voters for items brought up.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa reported that the balance on 3/14/16 was \$10,274.83. The balance as of 4/11/16 is \$11,079.83. Expenses since the last report were \$10.00. Deposits were \$850.00.

Media Specialist – Crystal had nothing new to report.

Membership – Sheldon reported that membership as of this meeting is at 103 members. As of March 31st, nine members have been suspended for non-payment of dues

Curator – Bob reported that family search was able to complete the digitizing of the old Frankfort township records on 3/21/16. He mentioned we should eventually move the original records to be safeguarded by the state archivist to better protect them. Bob motioned to table transference of the old records until we have our own copy of them made. The motion was 2nded by Wayne and approved.

Newsletter – Bob reported that the next newsletter will be out in May and that Steve will provide articles for this issue.

Website – Steve reported that there are 2823 lines of links to Genealogical files on our website, and that 93% of those files are now linked to Family Tree in FamilySearch.org.

Old Timers Interview Committee: Nothing new to report.

Old Business – Ken Zylla print: Artists proofs are sold out and order forms for prints and samples are available in the library during their hours. To date we have sold 83 prints.

New Business – Lori from First American Bank spoke about their “denim without a cause” fundraiser and how the St. Michael Historical Society was selected as one of the funding recipients.

The reappointment of the executive committee & standing committee chairmen will take place at the May meeting. Wayne showed interest in running in Rose Ann’s place for the executive committee.

The Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps contacted the society about possibly aiding in the preservation of historical sites in St. Michael. The society could suggest them to the St. Michael Parish to possibly assist in continued preservation of the historic church or the old brewery located in the city Rec area. Preservation may include excavation or signage at these locations. Harry will get information from the city, while Steve gets more information from the state archivist and more research will need to take place.

Sheldon is working on confirming the dates of the possible fall programming that would include a tour of both the new and historic churches of St. Michael. More information will be forthcoming.

Announcements –The next meeting will take place on May 9th at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn was made by Bob, seconded by Lisa, approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Sayen, acting secretary