

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: October 8, 2018

Calvin Schoen, 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 Lyle Barthel, Sheldon Barthel, Dan Lenz, John Robeck, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Lisa Marx, Dick Swanson, Harvey Zahler, Bob Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, and Crystal Sayen. The minutes from the September 10, 2018 meeting were read and approved without amendments.

President's Report – Gordy Dehmer went to the Bloms estate sale and obtained the hat that goes with the fire dept. uniform that was donated to the society previously. It is now in our office.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa reported that the balance on 8/13/18 was \$12,140.41. The balance as of 10/8/18 is \$12,025.14. Expenses since the last report were \$115.27. Deposits were \$0. The Endowment savings balance is \$1,415.92.

Media Specialist – Crystal reported that she is working with Joe Kaul on making the software updates to our website.

Membership – Sheldon reported that membership is at 107 members.

Curator – Bob reported that he spoke with Kerry Barthel and he will look into the cost of the gravestone repairs and the possibility of the society offering to help offset some of the repair cost. Bob is also currently working on scanning stuff for the 50th Anniversary of the STMA school district event and has also obtained items from LeRoy & Molly Lindenfelser. Bob also discovered the whereabouts of one of the schools marching band uniform from about 1970 and it may be possible to acquire it for our collection. Bob also has a dance ticket from a wedding in 1948 and had Crystal put the image on facebook to try to determine whose wedding it may have been from in St. Michael. Lisa came across original 1912 St. Michael phone book pages from Ron & Claudia Wadsworth. She donated these to the society.

Newsletter – Bob is currently writing an article on the St. Michael/Canada connection for the November newsletter.

Website – Steve reported that he entered quite a bit to the biographical files and continues to enter lines of names into the website. He reported he is at 4,236 lines of names thus far.

Old Business – Bob is working on the grant paperwork to submit to the state to locate the old cemetery. Bob met with Mark Wiegel about park plans and the city council will need to approve the statue and space. Calvin reported that new construction projects in St. Michael have kind of stalled out due the weather/rain but he will continue to monitor progress around town. The meeting location for November is confirmed at the fire station. We were unable to determine Ollie Schumacher's baseball jersey number based on photos.

New Business – Joe Psyk wrote a book about his pet crow and would possibly be willing to come in and talk about his book at a future society event. Bob mentioned the possible idea of working with the new BK Tap Haus as an avenue of public outreach or society event. It was also mentioned that the local snowmobile club is hosting their 50th Anniversary Vintage Sled show event on Sept. 19th, 2019 at the legion.

Announcements – The next meeting will take place November 12th at 7:00 PM in the meeting room at the Central Fire Station in St. Michael.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn was made by Harry, seconded by Lisa. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Sayen, Secretary