

St. Michael Historical Society minutes: June 5, 2006

The June meeting was opened at 7:00PM by president Rose Ann Gindele. There were 11 board members present and 3 visitors. Board members present were; Sheldon Barthel, Loel Bertrand, Rose Ann Gindele, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Bob Zahler, and Harvey Zahler.

May minutes were read and approved; Motion by Wayne Kessler, seconded by Lisa Marx. Carried.

A Letter was read from Bob Derus, city administrator, acknowledging our request for space in the new city hall. Board members requested that the secretary send out a follow up letter thanking the city council for its consideration of our request.

Membership report. We have 3 new members; Frank & Catherine Zachmann, and Hattie Kilian.

Minnesota Historical Society annual dues of \$25 are coming due. Harry Welter will take care of it.

Treasurer's report: Harry Welter reported income of \$50, no expenditures. Balance in checkbook is \$1,708.49.

Lisa Marx reported on the Speltz Studio project. Some board members met with artist on May 11. Artist will paint a street scene and we will sell prints (16x20 size) shrunk wrapped in styrofoam for \$35 a print. Framed prints will be available for purchase at a higher price. Original painting will be given to Historical Society after a minimum number of prints are sold. Board members will meet again with artist on July 10th at 7:00PM to finalize picture setting and determine final number of prints to be numbered and produced. Artist plans to have sample sketches ready in August and finished prints available for sale at end of August or early September, in time for St. Michael harvest festival.

Farm photo project. Rose Ann Gindele announced that all forms now have been delivered to farms asking for additional property descriptions & information. Project is ongoing with no deadline set for photo turn in. Additional photo scanning will take place at the October 2nd regular meeting.

Genny Kieley reported on newsletter templates and showed samples. Motion made by Bob Zahler, seconded by Wayne Kessler, to begin publishing a quarterly newsletter beginning in September, to give to all present members and have some copies available for free distribution in the community. Published quantity will be 200 in September and 100 after that. Motion also includes reimbursement for submitted costs as they come up, naming Genny Kieley as editor. Carried.

Discussion was held on harvest festival booth. It was decided to include newsletter distribution and print sales as the main thrust. Clarence Eull will be asked to bring his model church to draw people to the booth.

Under new business, the Minnesota Historical Society has asked us to fill out a questionnaire, which is done usually every 3 years. Officers will get together and complete at a convenient time.

Bob Zahler invited all to attend a Civil War reenactment. at Crystal Lake Cemetery east of Robbinsdale on Saturday June 17 at 10AM.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM. Motion by Lisa Marx, seconded by Harvey Zahler. Carried.

Respectfully submitted
Sheldon Barthel, Secretary