

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: June 2, 2008

President Rose Ann Gindele called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at the St. Michael City Hall. There were 12 guests present and all 15 members of the Board of Directors. Board members present were: Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Bob Zahler, Harvey Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Clarence Eull, Mary Ann Eull, Rose Ann Gindele, Genny Kieley, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, and Chuck Van Heel. After all read over the minutes of the previous meeting of May 5th, 2008 silently, motion was made by Bob Zahler, seconded by Lisa Marx, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Under correspondence, Rose Ann reported that 3 farm forms were turned in. She also mentioned that the Lions club sent a donation check of \$250.00 to help us in setting up our web site. Rose Ann also received an anonymous letter, a single page entitled "Remember when St. Michael was small?" stating what businesses were in town approximately 60 or 70 years ago. Also received was a packet from Arcadia publishing, a company that does books of pictures called "Images of America" including one highlighting the area city of Otsego. In her regular report, Rose Ann said she took two of our newsletters into the Library for display and Marla Scherber at the Library said they were very much appreciated. Rose Ann gave a copy of the minutes of their last meeting to Chuck Van Heel who is our liaison with the Friends of the Library.

John Jaeb gave the Treasurer's report. On May 5th, we had \$4,599.53 in checking. Since then, Deposits were made of \$185.00, Expenses totaled \$20.77. Checkbook balance, prior to the start of this meeting was \$4,763.76.

A suggestion was made to give something to our guest speaker, Vernon Berning, in lieu of fee payment, and after consideration, it was decided to give him one-year free membership and a box of Historic Note Cards. Motion made by Harry Welter to do so, seconded by Wayne Kessler. Motion carried.

Under committee reports, Genny Kieley was looking for "cow pictures" and Clarence Eull said he could provide the same, Wayne Kessler will provide a story about early farm life. This will give her enough material to help complete the Spring 2008 issue so it can be ready for distribution at the summer festival.

On the Website committee, Bob Zahler reported that he spent some time looking through other historical society websites and at the end of next week will be getting together with Emily Hamlet of Ad-Lan. We are still shooting for end of July to be up and running.

Wayne Mosher reported on the Historic Note Card project, and to date 234 boxes are out in the field, 150 have been sold so far for a total gross of \$2,230.00 with 11 boxes being sold in the month of May.

Under unfinished business, because the City now takes 10% of pull-tab monies to be used for community projects, no monies are available now from the American Legion or the Knights of Columbus. Representatives of both organizations suggested that we approach the city to request a grant from this community fund to help with our website setup costs.

Under new business, Rose Ann finalized the appointing of a collections committee. Members of the committee are: Bob Zahler, Stephen Barthel, Lisa Marx, Mary Ann Eull, and Rose Ann Gindele. A trip to the Stearn's County Historical Society in July is planned to see how they operate.

Bob Zahler also mentioned that he would be speaking at the Senior Citizens Center on July 30th, Wednesday at 1:00PM.

Rose Ann announced that the next meeting will be held on August 4th, after a unanimous vote by the board dispensed with the July meeting, due to the 4th of July busy weekend.

There being no other business, Wayne Kessler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Harry Welter. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM. Vernon Berning, antique gun collection program followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheldon Barthel
Secretary