

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: March 2nd, 2009

President Rose Ann Gindele called the meeting to order at 7:03PM in the St. Michael City Hall council chambers. There was one guest and 13 board members present. Board members present were: Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Bob Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Clarence Eull, Mary Ann Eull, Rose Ann Gindele, Genny Kieley, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, and Chuck Van Heel.

Secretary Sheldon Barthel read the minutes of the December meeting, and after a correction was made, John Jaeb made a motion to approve as amended, seconded by Bob Zahler. Motion carried.

Under correspondence, President Gindele reported receiving a card of thanks from Mrs. Robert (Sharon) Berning, for our program in February. Rose Ann also received a letter from the Minnesota Alliance of local museums, inviting us to join their organization as a dues paying member. Due to lack of interest, no action was taken. Also received was a letter from the postmaster about changes in mailing regulations for non-profits.

President Gindele, in her report, informed board members that Wayne Mosher would be unable to help in designing the SMHS logo partially due to impending health problems. She also reported on the Ann O'Leary presentation in February, stating that approximately 75 people were present and all considered it a success. Rose Ann also announced that we have 8 renewals of membership and 2 new memberships. She also mentioned we have sold another 3 boxes of note cards, and we gave one to Ann O'Leary as a gift for her presentation.

Treasurer John Jaeb reported a checkbook balance of \$5,308.46 as of December 1st, 2008. Deposits since that time were \$380.00, expenses were \$51.72. Checkbook balance as of March 2nd, 2009 was \$5,636.74 before the meeting.

Under committee reports, Membership chairman, Bob Zahler, reported about 47 people have not paid their dues for 2009. Notices to those falling behind will be inserted into the next newsletter being mailed out within the next few days. John Jaeb, who was filling in for Wayne Mosher, submitted the historic note card committee report. To date, 188 total boxes have been sold for a grand total of \$2,785.00 taken in. Bob Zahler from the farm photos committee reported one additional farm photo submitted from Jerry and Richard Berning. Genny Kieley reported that the next newsletter is ready to be mailed and will be sent out in the next couple of days. Under website development, Bob Zahler will inform Emily at Ad-Lan that she is on her own in designing our logo.

Bills submitted for approval were: Rose Ann for postage \$8.40. Motion to approve was made by Mary Ann Eull, seconded by Chuck Van Heel. Motion carried. Genny Kieley for newsletter printing \$46.03, motion to approve by Harry Welter, seconded by Earl Vetsch. Motion carried. Genny Kieley for flash drive \$26.61, motion to approve by Harry Welter, seconded by John Jaeb. Motion carried.

Under new business, 5 board member seats will open up at the April meeting. All 5 members whose terms have expired have expressed an interest in running for a new 3-year term. Nominations will be also open from the floor for anyone interested in running for the board at that April meeting.

Stephen Barthel made a power point presentation on issues and options for our website concerning genealogical research. After much discussion on this item, Sheldon Barthel made a motion that The St. Michael Historical Society would charge a flat fee to Stephen Barthel per month on a one-year trial basis, to link from the St. Michael Historical Society website, the price to be negotiated between the officers of the St. Michael Historical Society and Stephen Barthel, for the purpose of providing access to genealogical records. Motion seconded by John Jaeb, motion carried. In other action, Chuck Van Heel informed us of a meeting he had with Bob Derus and he, in return, informed us that the city is aware of our needs and, once again, would need continued input from us as to our needs. Bob Zahler volunteered to act as a liaison with Bob Derus to offer our input in the design of space for our needs.

Rose Ann stated our next meeting will be on April 6th, 2009, and it will be our annual meeting. There being no further business, John Jaeb motioned to adjourn, seconded by Clarence Eull. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheldon Barthel
Secretary