

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: October 5th, 2009

President Rose Ann Gindele opened the meeting at 6:55PM at the St. Michael City Hall. Present were 4 guests and 11 board members. Board members present were: Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Chuck Van Heel, Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, and Bob Zahler. **Minutes** of the previous meeting were read with a motion by Wayne Kessler to approve, seconded by Bob Zahler. Motion carried.

Under **Correspondence**, Rose Ann reported receiving the Hanover Newsletter and 1 member renewal by mail.

In the **President's Report**, Rose Ann mentioned that the Church Festival booth was successful. We received 11 new memberships and 4 renewals. One box of Note Cards was sold and 11 summer newsletters. A donation of \$10 was also received. Since the festival a total of 27 newsletters have been sold and we received an \$8 donation. Total for both was \$72 taken in. The summer newsletter count printed was 125. We handed out 40, mailed 41 and have 17 newsletters remaining. Festival income given to the treasurer on September 13th was \$212. On September 18th, Angela Lenneman requested newsletters and copies of school pictures for All School class reunion held on September 26th. It was stated that 200 people showed up at the reunion and Angela gave credit to the St. Michael Historical Society for its contribution to this event.

John Jaeb gave the **Treasurer's Report**. Balance in the checkbook as of August 16th was \$5,665.38. There was a deposit made on September 14th of \$232. Checkbook balance, as of the beginning of this meeting was \$5,897.38.

Under **Reports of Committees**, Bob Zahler reported on website problems. One was that the "contact us" forwarding was being lost in cyberspace and so we could not receive any comments visitors to the site may have sent us. He will also work with Emily and Curt on fixing other minor bugs as they come up. As far as paying for the website startup charges, none have been received to date. Lisa has been trying, but was unable to get in touch with Curt and Emily about the billing for services rendered thus far. Also mentioned was we now have linked to the St. Michael City website along with the Wright County Historical Society website and they are linked to us.

Under **New Business**, Steve Barthel's presentation on early settlers in St. Michael will be on Tuesday, October 27th at 7PM in the Middle School West auditorium. Rose Ann then passed out flyers to anyone desiring them. Assignments were made to man the membership table, make announcements and welcome visitors. Note cards will be available for sale along with summer newsletters. A motion was made by Lisa Marx, seconded by Sheldon Barthel, to purchase cookies for snacks and coffee and other refreshments, along with cups and napkins to give away at the event. Motion carried.

Genny Kieley, newsletter editor, was not present, but Rose Ann mentioned she was looking for stories on businesses and pictures for the fall issue. It was hoped that the issue would be ready to be passed out at the October 27th presentation.

Bob Zahler brought 2 items for show and tell after the meeting. One was an old St. Michael Lion's club banner and the other a flag from the old St. Michael Catholic High School.

An **Announcement** was made that there will be no November meeting, as Steve's presentation on October 27th will take the place of that meeting. Our next meeting will be held on December 7th at the city hall.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Harry Welter, seconded by Lisa Marx, to adjourn. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheldon Barthel
Secretary