

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: May 9, 2011

President Bob Zahler called the Board Meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:05 PM in the Library Room of the St. Michael City Center. The directors present were Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Bob Zahler, Harvey Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, John Robeck, Stephen Barthel, Matthew Eynck, John Jaeb, and Wayne Kessler. The minutes were amended by John Jaeb. Harry Welter motioned to approve the amended minutes. Rose Ann Gindele seconded the motion.

Reports & Business

President Report – There was a good turnout for the Holocaust survivor that came to the library to speak on May 4th.

Treasurer's Report – The balance was reported to be at \$7,390.50 with a total of \$78.59 in expenses, and \$40.00 in deposits since the last report.

Website – Stephen Barthel reported the number of visitors at 81,566. He stated that all marriages from 1857-1925 in St. Michael and Albertville had been added onto the website. It was also brought up to start forming an online shopping feature on the website, so that people browsing the site could make purchases of certain items that were put up for sale. Bob had suggested that it may be best to start the shopping feature first by mail then expand onto the web after a while. Stephen concluded by saying he would work on getting the shop set up online along with having links to both Sheldon and Bob's email on their own products being sold.

Newsletter – The summer newsletter is complete and has been mailed to the membership.

Membership – Sheldon Barthel reported that the number of members is at 99.

Business – Sheldon stated that he had recently bought various supplies for the computer totaling \$42.98. Some of the supplies included a flash drive and paper. John Jaeb motioned to approve reimbursing Sheldon for the cost of the supplies. The motion was seconded by John Robeck, and was carried.

New Business – Lyle Barthel shared a framed roster of World War I soldiers and sailors from the St. Michael area from 1917 and 1918. The framing included 44 names. Bob suggested that the historical society give Carlson Business Services some sort of gift for their donations. Some ideas included a plaque and a free membership. It was brought up that an old car will be needed for the parade during the Daze and Knights Festival. During the festival a booth will also be set up. Sheldon motioned to reserve a booth up to \$125.00 in value. Wayne Kessler seconded the motion. It was also said that possible items in the booth would be rulers, pencils, and some new items.

Announcements – Stephen Barthel will be having a presentation on Thursday, May 12th at the Library. The next meeting will take place June 13th at 7:00 PM in the Library Room.

Adjournment – Harry Welter motioned to end the meeting. The motion was seconded by Harvey Zahler. The meeting was adjourned officially at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Eynck, Secretary