

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: August 13th, 2012

Bob Zahler, President, called the Board Meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:03 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. The directors present were Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, Brendan Sage, John Robeck, Stephen Barthel, Matthew Eiyneck, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Harvey Zahler, Harry Welter, and Earl Vetsch. The minutes of the July meeting were corrected to show that John Jaeb and Wayne Kessler were present. Harry motioned to approve the minutes as corrected; Wayne seconded the motion.

Reports & Business

President's Report – Bob stated that the scale was picked up from Torney Marshall's house and now resides in the office. Bob also reported that he was using the new software to catalog the scale, create a "thank you" note, and legal documents to sign, etc. Wayne Mosher was present to donate a small fabric banner from the celebration of the church's centennial in 1990.

Treasurer's Report – The balance was reported to be at \$6,485.24 with a total of \$80.90 in expenses, and \$45.00 in deposits.

Website – Stephen reported the number of visitors at 204,113; a large increase from the previous month. He hopes to finish the old cemetery on the website by the end of the year if all goes well. He brought up the possibility of promoting an event in the spring-sometime before Memorial Day-to clean the tombstones for those families who are responsible for them. Stephen suggested including information on how to clean the tombstones along with the cost of replacing old tombstones in the next spring newsletter. No action was taken at this time.

Media Specialist – Crystal could not attend the meeting.

Newsletter – The newsletter is complete.

Membership – Wayne Mosher paid his dues for this upcoming year.

Old Business – Harvey brought up the idea of acknowledging Earl Bauman and Clarence and Mary Ann Eull on providing the tractor and corn binder for the parade and John suggested mentioning it in the next newsletter with an attached photo. Sheldon suggested dropping the booth for next year's Daze & Knights festival due to the overall lack of attendance. It was then suggested to focus on the Parish festival instead of the Daze & Knights, but Bob suggested we wait until next year to take any action. Lisa contacted Birkeland & Associates about the appraisal and they are interested in the event again. It was agreed to host the event again due to the good turnout the previous year. A suggested change is to charge a flat admission fee of \$2.00 with up to two items to be appraised. Sheldon motioned to host the antique appraisal again in October on a night when City Hall and Birkeland & Associates area available, the motion was seconded by Wayne. Bob said that he would contact City Hall on room availability for the appraisal. The rest of the discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

New Business – Bob is going to contact the Parish festival chair on reserving a booth. The shifts were decided for the festival.

Announcements – The next meeting will take place September 10th at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116.

Adjournment – John Jaeb motioned to end the meeting. It was seconded by Wayne. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brendan Sage, Secretary