

**St. Michael Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting  
June 5, 2023**

Bob Zahler was filling in for President Brendan Sage who was absent. At 7:01 the meeting was called to order in the conference room adjacent to the historical society office at city hall. The board members present included John Jaeb, Lyle Barthel, and Dan Lenz, in addition to Bob Zahler. Guests included Mike Barthel and Marv Eull.

**A quorum not being present, the meeting adjourned at 7:03**

The following are notes on informal talks and do not reflect “minutes” as such

Those present had an informal visit regarding the recent donation of a processional banner from St. Michael’s Catholic Church. The banner is from the defunct Christian Mothers’ Society which formed in 1905. The parish was not interested in investing the money into needed preservation and decided to donate it to the historical society. A donation form was signed by the current pastor and the gift was accepted by the curator on behalf of the society.

There was also discussion regarding moving forward with plans to apply for grants to have a sculpture commissioned to honor the settlers. Bob said that this was one of his goals for the summer.

Additionally, Bob shared with those present that he found a website that might be useful to facilitate the sale of items from the Corner Bar. 32Auctions is a site used by the Wright County Historical Society for fundraising auctions that they hold. He spoke with Sally Stevens at Wright County who recommended it. Those present suggested that holding this in the fall might get better attention.

Bob suggested that we establish a student membership level to encourage young people to get involved.

Finally, there was some talk about procession chapels that once existed in town. Dan Lenz has what is believed to be the only surviving chapel in his backyard. It had been converted into a playhouse by Henry Schulte (Theresa Lenz’s grandfather) sometime in the 1950s. Bob said that processions, procession banners, and chapels might make an interesting topic for a future article.

The next scheduled meeting is September 11, 2023

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Zahler, acting secretary