

**ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES: April 18, 2022**

Calvin Schoen, President, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:06 PM in the Library Conference Room. Other directors present were Lisa Marx, Dick Swanson, Bob Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Earl Vetsch, Crystal Sayen, Lyle Barthel, Dan Lenz, and Brendan Sage.

**President's Report** – Nothing new to report other than the monthly board meeting will close and the annual meeting will take place under New Business.

**Treasurer's Report** – Lisa reported that the balance on 12/31/21 was \$13,116.70. The balance as of 4/18/22 is \$14,555.42. Expenses since the last report were \$351.65. Deposits were \$1790.37. The Endowment savings balance is \$3,334.11 with 40 cents of first quarter interest.

**Media Specialist/Webmaster** – Crystal reported that the photos being posted weekly on Facebook were generating a lot of interaction online and people seemed to really enjoy them. Bob will continue to send photos with captions to Crystal to post. The website is starting to look a little dated and could use a facelift and some cleaning up.

**Membership** – Sheldon reported that memberships as of 4/15/21 was at 126 members and as of 4/15/22 was at 133 members. Sheldon plans to step down as membership committee and looking for someone to take over his role.

**Curator** – Bob reported that the 1954 Class reunion photo (1<sup>st</sup> graduating class of Catholic High School) was donated to the society.

**Newsletter** – Bob reported that next newsletter is coming out in May and there will be a small article from Steve on the Eiffel region in Germany. Laura Nielsen contacted Bob for information/history on the Dehmers and is thinking of including some of that in the Newsletter as well.

**Website** – Nothing new to report.

**Old Business** – The historical marker project is still of interest and to move forward we need to identify a list of important sites we wish to mark. It also needs to be determined what kind of marker to use, possibly a podium with photos or street scenes on them. Cost and placement needs to be determined as well. Site ideas include Brewery, Historic Church, and Millside cemetery. The board decided to table this topic for now and revisit at the next meeting. The Ken Zylla print order form on the website needs to be updated to reflect the increase in price of mattes and remove proof option from the price list. Due to having quite a few prints left, it was brought up to change the price and sell in other places online or at a silent auction type event. Topic tabled for next meeting. Bob made a motion to donate a Ken Zylla print to the Wright County Historical Society for a silent auction item. Seconded by Lisa.

**New Business** – Bob motioned to close the regular board meeting and open the annual meeting, seconded by Lisa. The annual meeting consisted of elections for 4 members to the Board of Directors for another 3 years. These nominations to the board were, John Jaeb, Calvin Schoen, Lisa Marx, and Dick Swanson. Sheldon motioned to close nominations and accept the slate, Lisa seconded. Calvin declared the slate elected. The elected will fulfill their positions in May. Bob nominated Brendan Sage for President, seconded by Sheldon. Sheldon motioned to appoint the white ballot, seconded by Lisa. Lisa nominated Calvin as Vice President, seconded by Brendan. Earl motioned to appoint white ballot, seconded by Lisa.

Meeting schedule will be second Monday of every other month at 7pm in the Library Conference Room if it is open. Meetings for 2022 will be June 13, August 8, No meeting in October, and meeting on November 14. Crystal to update meeting dates on website/social media.

Several amendments were made to the By-Laws:

Article 4, Section 3 – Change to accommodate less meetings

Article 5, Section 5 – Quorum adjustment

Article 6, Section 2 – May not always be the Vice President for membership committee

Article 7, Section 4 – Decrease to 5% membership

Article 13 – Change to by-laws to be able to adjust by-laws outside of annual meetings by providing members a notice.

Bob motioned to approve changes to the by-laws, seconded by Sheldon.

**Announcements** –The next meeting will take place on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the annual and regular board meeting was made by Sheldon, seconded by Lisa, approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Sayen, Secretary