

## **ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: September 12, 2022**

Brendan Sage, President, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:06 PM in the City Hall craft room. Other directors present were Bob Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Earl Vetsch, Crystal Sayen, Lyle Barthel, Dan Lenz, John Robeck, Lisa Marx, and Dick Swanson.

**President's Report** – Brendan had nothing new to report other than his recent marriage and honeymoon to Italy where he had his marriage blessed by the Pope.

**Treasurer's Report** – Lisa reported that the balance on 06/13/22 was \$14,454.75. The balance as of 9/12/22 is \$14,339.31. Expenses since the last report were \$135.44. Deposits were \$20.00. The Endowment savings balance is \$3,344.53.

**Media Specialist/Webmaster** – Crystal reported that our website needs updating and this item should be added as a topic under new business.

**Membership** – Crystal reported that memberships as of 9/12/22 was at 138 members with 2 new members added since our last meeting.

**Curator** – Bob had items that were donated by Krista Juscak that were from Sally & Dottie Ronning. The items were a 1<sup>st</sup> Communion certificate and an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Diploma. Steve is also collecting items from the Gindele's and this could also be a possible topic for a newsletter.

**Newsletter** – Bob mentioned possibly using ideas from Nestor VonBank's book or the Brixius book for the next newsletter.

**Old Business** – Lisa will be taking a Ken Zylla print to the Wright County Historical Society for a donation to their silent auction. Bob reached out to city council members to get their opinions on putting something together to honor early settlers as a memorial or statue.

**New Business** – The Corner Bar advertisements garage sale idea as an event possibility in 2023. We could also sell the remainder of our Ken Zylla prints, along with Bob's Book, and notecards? We could rent out city hall for a night to sell/advertise in possibly late March or April. Bob will talk to city hall staff about open dates. The membership dues has not increased since the board was formed and Dick made a motion to increase the dues from \$10 to \$15 starting in 2023. Seconded by Lisa. There are several boxes of notecards still for sale and Bob made a motion to reduce their price online to \$5 per box. Seconded by Dick. Crystal will take a box of notecards to photograph and sell online via social media and update the website to reflect price change. The Ken Zylla print is for sale on eBay but it is not easily found and the sale needs to be reposted. Bob will be working with Pinnacle printing and having them do a mail merge for ease of printing/mailing newsletters. Bob will also purchase plastic sleeves and copy paper for the office. Crystal will reach out to Joe Kaul Design to get a quote/estimate on revamping our website.

**Announcements** –The next meeting will take place on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the St. Michael City Hall craft room.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the board meeting was made by Lisa, seconded by Earl, approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Sayen, Secretary