

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: September 14, 2021

Calvin Schoen, President, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:04 PM in the Library Conference Room. Other directors present were Dick Swanson, Bob Zahler, Crystal Sayen, Lyle Barthel, Sheldon Barthel, Dan Lenz, and Brendan Sage.

President's Report – Quorum was established a few minutes into the meeting and Bob motioned to approve the last meetings minutes and seconded by Sheldon. Motion made by Sheldon and seconded by Lisa. Calvin reported that we will need to make adjustments to the board of directors and establish a new meeting date due to schedule conflicts.

Treasurer's Report – Bob reported on behalf of Lisa that the balance on 12/21/20 was \$13,772.61. The balance as of 9/11/21 is \$13,801.34 Expenses since the last report were \$516.27. Deposits were \$545.00. The Endowment savings balance is \$2,643.05.

Media Specialist/Webmaster – Nothing new to report.

Membership – Sheldon reported membership as of this meeting is at 131 members, with 12 new members over the summer.

Curator – Bob reported that there was an envelope on the desk with the old newspaper clippings from the centennial, giant snowman article, and a few photos. The 1897 cornerstone block from the corner bar was given to the SMHS from the city after the building was demolished last August.

Newsletter – Bob reported that he is seeking ideas for the newsletter. It was suggested that abstracts for local farms can provide for topics.

Website – Steve has resigned from the board but will continue to input genealogy data into our website.

Old Business – The Joe Pysk book event is being pushed back to a later date.

New Business – There was discussion on how we would restart the organization and what ideas we would implement to help garner new interest in the SMHS. Some ideas included:

- Conducting research on the history behind the 3 bells that were recently removed from the historic church.
- Old fallen trees near the St. Michael dog park.
- Posting of historical markers around St. Michael identifying areas of historical significance.
- Host an event with a German couple dressed up to talk about their heritage and its impact on St. Michael.
- German language class
- Cemetery Cleaning Day Demonstration
- Look into posting historical photos on walls at local businesses (i.e. BK Tap Haus)

-More social media posting, to generate interest in the SMHS. Bob will create content (photos/captions) for Crystal to post.

Due to the busy schedule of the President, it was discussed to move the meeting to either the 3rd or 4th Monday of the month based on meeting room availability. Bob will check on the room availability.

Sheldon motioned to reduce the board members from 15 to 12 and seconded by Bob. This will help to give quorum to make decisions at our meetings.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic there was no annual meeting for 2019, 2020, or 2021. It was decided to close out those years at our 2022 annual meeting in April.

Announcements –The next meeting will take place on Monday, October, 25 at 7pm in the Library Conference Room.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the board meeting was made by Bob, seconded by Sheldon, approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Sayen, Secretary