St. Michael Historical Society Minutes: May 7, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM in St. Michael City Hall by President Rose Ann Gindele. There were 11 board members present and 5 visitors. Board members present were: John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Bob Zahler, Harvey Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, and Genny Kieley. Minutes of the April 2nd meeting were read. Motion made by Wayne Kessler, seconded by Lisa Marx, to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

President Gindele received a confirmation from Doug Ohman to speak at the June meeting for a fee of \$100. Subject matter will be "Barns of Minnesota" & "Schoolhouses of Minnesota". Motion made by Bob Zahler, seconded by Sheldon Barthel to issue a check to cover the \$100 fee.

Motion carried. Rose Ann also received a confirmation from Steve Barthel to speak at the October 1st meeting. He will speak on the German ancestral home of the founders of St. Michael.

There was one membership renewal since the last meeting, which was turned over to Bob Zahler, who has taken over the membership director's position. One farm form was returned.

The owner of the new grocery store in town requested historical photos to be used in the store. The request was fulfilled prior to this meeting.

A first grade teacher from Big Woods Elementary requested speakers for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week and next week for City history information. Request was pretty much taken care of prior to this meeting.

Rose Ann reported that our original "Village at Dusk" painting, which was loaned to Highland Bank, is now hanging in the Presidents office.

Treasurer's report for the past month was \$10 in income and \$45.25 in expenses. Checkbook balance as of today is \$2,756.78.

Wayne Mosher reported on the Note Card project. Approximately half the kits are assembled, thanks to youths needing community service time. Wayne suggested a poster be made for the businesses, such as the banks, for promoting the sale of the Note Cards. He will contact the boy scouts this month to see if they will commit to selling the Cards, after which the three banks, drugstore, and city hall will be contacted to see if they would sell the Cards as a community service project. Wayne said he would check with the banks and Rose Ann will contact city hall.

Under unfinished business, President Gindele stated the revised bylaws are now done. Copies are available by contacting Bob Zahler.

Genny will be publishing and mailing the spring newsletter sometime next week.

Bob Zahler volunteered to prepare a 3 ring binder with farm photos in vinyl sleeves to be used at various community functions. He currently has the farm photos stored on CD s.

Under new business, discussion was had on participating in the August St. Michael City Days celebration. Because information was sketchy at this time, it was decided to drop plans in participating until more information is forthcoming. Rose Ann will check with Cindy Weston on this project.

Under announcements, due to speaker, June business meeting will begin at 6:30PM with speaker to follow.

There being no further business, motion was made by Sheldon Barthel, seconded by Harry Welter to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheldon Barthel Secretary