

## ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: September 14, 2015

Sheldon Barthel, president, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:13 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. Other directors present were John Jaeb, Bob Zahler, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, Crystal Sayen, Steve Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, and Harvey Zahler. The minutes from the August 10, 2015 meeting were read and approved after amended.

**President's Report** –none

**Treasurer's Report** –Lisa reported that the balance on 8/10/15 was \$5,971.76. The balance as of 9/14/15 is \$7,082.26. Expenses since the last report were \$1,046 and deposits were \$2,156.50.

**Media Specialist** –Crystal reported no updates other than regular maintenance on the site.

**Membership** – Sheldon reported that we have 107 members.

**Curator** - Bob said that he did work another day in the office since the last meeting cataloging items from St. Michael Catholic Church. Also, he said he had researched backing up our data off site. The best option seems to be with a Minneapolis-based company called Code42 with their "Crash Plan" at \$5.99 per month or \$60 for the year if paid in full up front. The board already approved the expenditure at the last meeting but advised Bob to go ahead and spend the \$60 up front for the savings.

**Newsletter** – Bob reported that he has been doing more research on WWI veterans from St. Michael and hopes to have more articles on WWI in upcoming issues.

**Website** -Steve added 17 lines to the biographical files. 78% are linked to Family Search and Find-a-grave.

**Old Timers Interview Committee:** nothing new to report

### Old Business

- Ken Zylla Print: Sheldon reported that to date 63 prints are sold: 56 framed, 7 unframed. Only 7 Artist's Proofs remain. Ken has now signed all of the prints.
- Festivals: Good traffic at the Daze and Knights and Church festivals helped sell Ken Zylla prints. Additionally, eleven boxes of note cards were sold between the two festivals along with two "1931 Jubilee" photos.
- Mighty Graphics in Maple Lake has the print for sale on their eBay site but have not sold any yet.
- Kaul Design: Joe Kaul improved the store on our website to allow for people to enter email addresses when signing up or renewing a membership. No action was taken regarding a question as to whether we should keep Joe Kaul on a retainer for website maintenance. It was generally felt that it was too early to know if this was a necessary move for the cost.
- Historic Church Anniversary Mass: estimates were that about 250 people were in attendance.

**New Business** – Sheldon updated the board on an executive committee decision to reduce the price on the note cards from \$15 to \$10 per box to see if that would increase sales during the Daze and Knights and Church festivals. The board did not feel that it needed to take official action on reducing the price.

A representative of Cornerstone Women's Center regarding purchasing a print for their upcoming silent auction approached the society. After discussion regarding how best to deal with other potential non-profit groups, the benefit to the society to expose more people to the print's availability, and the best way to display the print at these silent auctions; the following motion was made by Harry and seconded by Lisa: that the historical society will donate a print to a non-profit organization intending to offer it up for bid in their silent auction, providing that the print is framed and that the non-profit organization pays for the framing cost. The board approved the motion.

Crystal suggested that the board consider making the Ken Zylla print available for sale on Fine Art America online. No action was taken at this time.

**Announcements** – The next meeting will take place October 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. Joe Dehmer is scheduled to talk after this meeting (Joe could not attend this night).

**Adjournment** – Harry motioned to end the meeting; Lisa seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Zahler, acting secretary