

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: January 8, 2018

Sheldon Barthel, president, called the board meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room. Other directors present were Bob Zahler, Lisa Marx, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, Steve Barthel, Lyle Barthel, John Robeck, and Harvey Zahler. The minutes from the November 13, 2017 meeting were read and approved as read.

President's Report –Sheldon shared kind sentiments received from a couple of members.

Treasurer's Report –Lisa reported that the balance on 11/13/17 was \$13,213.27. The balance as of 1/8/18 is \$12,894.74. Expenses since the last report were \$468.53 and deposits were \$150.00.

Media Specialist – Crystal was not present to report.

Membership – Sheldon reported that membership as of this meeting is at 100 members. 19 members have not yet paid for the current year.

Curator -Bob reported that Jean Posthumus dropped off a WWII scrapbook that she hoped we could return to family members of the veteran. Bob did some initial research on the veteran, who was not from St. Michael, and Steve said that he would do his best to locate relatives. Bob reported that he had received permission from Cary Berning to use sound penetrating radar on his property to hopefully confirm the location of the first cemetery. Bob contacted a company that gave a quote of \$1600 for a day of locating. They can cover about an acre in a day. Bob will pursue a grant through the state Legacy Amendment to see if funds can be obtained. Finally, Bob said that he hopes to change out the display case. Lisa said she would assist in the cleaning.

Newsletter – Bob reported he has some ideas for the next newsletter due out in February. Sheldon encouraged members to share memories for Bob to turn into an article.

Website - Steve reported that he has now an input of 4,135 lines of data.

Old Business -No activity on the Zylla prints. The 2nd dues notice was sent to delinquent members.

New Business – Sheldon suggested that a nominating committee be formed to begin the search for a new president and vice president. If there are no candidates, the bylaws have provisions for shutting down the organization. The terms for board members Harvey Zahler, Bob Zahler, Harry Welter, and Earl Vetsch are all up in April and all have agreed to run again. Board member Crystal Sayen was not present to indicate her intentions.

Sheldon said that the endowment fund has been set up as of the day of the meeting. The initial amount is \$1,069.70.

Steve and Sheldon said that they would try to be present at the Shop STMA expo on January 20. Steve will offer some genealogy help and Sheldon will try to sell memberships.

Sheldon proposed the creation of an Office Manager position to take care of office needs. No action was taken.

Announcements – The next meeting will take place February 12th at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn was made by Harry, seconded by Harvey. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Zahler, acting secretary