

## **ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: September 10, 2018**

Calvin Schoen, 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 Lyle Barthel, Sheldon Barthel, Brendan Sage, Stephen Barthel, Harvey Zahler, Bob Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, and Crystal Sayen. The minutes from the August 13, 2018 meeting were read and approved without amendments.

**President's Report** – Calvin removed the old office printer from the office.

**Treasurer's Report** – Lisa was not present to report.

**Media Specialist** – Crystal reported that she removed Sheldon's name off of the website's email contact and also updated member and bio information.

**Membership** – Sheldon reported that membership has increased with 1 new member and as of this meeting is at 104 members.

**Curator** – Membership was due at the MN Historical Society, has been paid. Bob gave a talk to Fr. Paul Shovelain and over 100 parish members on August 30<sup>th</sup>. More repairs were being done on the old cemetery (such as straightening out old stones). Bob asked what the best way to preserve old stones was. It was suggested that they stay upright and either use brackets or stainless steel pins/epoxy and drill into the stones to keep them upright. Bob will call Kerry Barthel to get more information.

**Newsletter** – The last newsletter went out in August. The next one will be distributed in November. The topics suggested were the first murder in 1857 in St. Michael and/or the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the armistice ending World War I.

**Website** – Steve reported that he entered a few more lines into the website and will be continuing to work on it.

**Old Business** – The paperwork has been started for the grant for the future statue in St. Michael's new park. Harry made a motion to grant Bob contract signing rights for this item of business. Motion was seconded by Sheldon, and approved. Bob also contacted casting creations in Howard Lake to obtain more information on a statue. It was mentioned that cost is significantly less if no artist is commissioned and a model for 3D printing is used instead. Bob will check with Mark Weigl. Calvin will continue to take more photos around the St. Michael area as a way to document new construction projects in town.

**New Business** – City Hall will be shut down for repairs at the next meeting in November, therefore it was suggested to either move the meeting to a new location or cancel it. Calvin suggested using the meeting room at the St. Michael Central fire station. Calvin & Crystal will notify members of meeting room change via email and social media. Roger Bloms widow donated his fire dept. uniform to the society and it is currently in the office. Crystal received a message asking if anyone in the society knew the number that Ollie Schumacher wore for the 1953 St. Michael Saints baseball team. Bob said he may have this information and will pass it along.

**Announcements** – The next meeting will take place October 8th at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn was made by Harry, seconded by Bob. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Sayen, Secretary