

St. Michael Historical Society Minutes: April 2, 2007 (Annual Meeting)

President Rose Ann Gindele opened the April meeting at 7:07 PM at St. Michael City Hall. There were 10 board members present and two visitors. Board members present were: Sheldon Barthel, Clarence Eull, Mary Ann Eull, Rose Ann Gindele, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Earl Vetsch, Alfred Zachman, Bob Zahler, and Harvey Zahler. Minutes of the previous meeting, March 5th, 2007, were read. Motion made by Wayne Kessler, seconded by Earl Vetsch, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

President Rose Ann reported receiving the Hanover Historical Society newsletter, a thank you note from Leslie Anderson, our guest speaker for the March meeting, a letter from Margie Lenneman stating the round barn on her property will be moved this summer, so anyone wanting pictures should do so soon, and one barn photo and one farm history report turned in since the last meeting.

President Gindele also reported that 60 Winter newsletters were printed and 40 mailed, for a total cost of \$83.87.

President Gindele, filling in for Harry Welter, gave the treasurer's report. Total expenses, since the last meeting were \$3,337.27. Total income was \$550.00. Checkbook balance, as of April 2nd, 2007, was \$2,792.03.

Clarence Eull reported on Historic notecard project. Wayne Mosher turned in final picture today, as lightening adjustments were needed, so project got delayed. Scheduled completion is anticipated by May meeting. The Knights of Columbus gave a donation of \$500 toward the project since last meeting.

Five by-law changes were approved by membership at this annual meeting. A summary follows:

- 1) Dealing with new memberships when newcomers join after July 1st, first years dues cover the following year.
- 2) Officers are elected for a two-year term. Also officers do not have to be members of the Board of Directors when elected. Upon election, President and Vice President become board members, by virtue of their office. Two terms will be the maximum limit for officers to serve in any one capacity. President shall appoint Secretary and Treasurer, with board approval.
- 3) Five members of the board are up for election each year. Members serve for a three year term, fifteen members make up the board.
- 3) Treasurer, in addition to checkbook, must keep an official detailed account of expenses and deposits in a ledger book.
- 4) Clarification on committee appointments.

Nominations were called for election of board members. Wayne Kessler motioned, seconded by Clarence Eull, to close nominations after all interested names were submitted. Motion carried.

The following members were declared elected as 3 year board members, as there were only five candidates: Sheldon Barthel, Clarence Eull, Mary Ann Eull, Rose Ann Gindele, and Genny Kieley.

Under new business, Alfred Zachman brought a letter about Dr. Thielen, taken from the Internet, written by the Minnesota Historical Society. There was also discussion about the Corpus Christi procession chapels located in various places in the village at the turn of the century.

Genny Kieley will be preparing the spring newsletter for approval at the May meeting. Mailing will take place sometime in May.

Dates were set for all remaining 2007 meetings. They are: May 7, June 4 (possibility of Doug Ohman to speak on schoolhouses after meeting, August 6, August 27 (September meeting), October 1 (possibility of Stephen Barthel to speak on ancestral home of St. Michael pioneers), November 5, and December 3.

There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn by Sheldon Barthel, seconded by Wayne Kessler. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Barthel
Secretary