

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES; August 4, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM by President Rose Ann Gindele at the St. Michael City Hall. There were 12 board members present. They were: Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Bob Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, Genny Kieley, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, and Lisa Marx.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Sheldon Barthel. Motion made by Harry Welter to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Bob Zahler, motion carried.

Under correspondence, Rose Ann reported that one farm form was submitted since the last meeting. She also mentioned that there was one new membership and one renewal. She stated that she renewed the yearly form for State Tax Exemption. Rose Ann said she would also mail a check of \$25 to renew our yearly membership to the Minnesota History Center if the board approves. A motion was made by Sheldon Barthel, seconded by Wayne Kessler to renew yearly membership to the Minnesota History Center. Motion carried.

Rose Ann then read a letter from the Minnesota Genealogical Society affirming Stephen Barthel's selection as an award winner for Outstanding Contributions in the field of genealogy. This prestigious award will be presented to Stephen at an awards banquet on Friday, September 19 at 6:00PM at the Minnesota History Center.

Rose Ann also received a call from Ann O'Leary about Berning family history and genealogy and mentioned she might be willing to put on a Power Point presentation for a meeting in the future about the Berning family and other "old stuff". After a brief discussion by the board, it was decided to table this until perhaps some time in the future.

In the President's report, Rose Ann said she attended the Friends of the Library meeting on June 11th. She also sent registration forms in for booth space and for the parade for the city festival. She contacted the Church Festival chairperson and asked for a spot and table for that function, and she attended a bus tour to the Minnesota History Center with the senior citizens.

John Jaeb gave the Treasurer's report. On 6-2-08 we had \$4763.76 in the checkbook. Since that time deposits were made totaling \$425, with the checkbook balance ending at \$5188.76 at the beginning of this meeting.

Under committee reports, Genny reported the Spring edition is ready to go but is waiting for a few captions. She will produce 250 copies, as these will also be used for give aways at the upcoming festivals. The future Summer edition will be a continuation of this Spring edition, which will cover mostly farm life in early St. Michael.

There was no report on Historic Note Cards as Wayne Mosher was not present.

Collections Committee members, Lixa Marx, Bob Zahler, Rose Ann Gindele, and Stephen Barthel visited the Stearns History Museum and met with John Decker, Archivist, who gave information on preservation of records and gave us some samples of items we could purchase for storing materials.

Under unfinished business, Bob Zahler reported that he has a Thursday meeting with Emily from Ad-Lan about progress on our website. Rose Ann Gindele attended the May and June Library meetings and had conversations with Bernie Burke of that board to let them know of our desire to be included in building plans in the future. Bob Zahler also talked separately to Bob Derus, city administrator, who asked to be informed as to what size of space we would desire for our needs. During further discussion on this topic, board members generally agreed we could use perhaps a 24 by 40 foot area, which would be used for storage and workroom.

Under new business, Rose Ann set up work assignments for the city festival business expo on Saturday, August 16th. Tents will be provided by Lisa and Rose Ann where we will display the farm photo book, sell note cards, pass out pencils and extra newsletters. In the parade at 11 AM, Ralph Kasper will drive his old tractor, wagon provide by Clarence and Mary Ann Eull. Rose Ann and Mary Ann will ride the float while their granddaughters pass out free pencils.

In other new business, Stephen Barthel suggested we make a box for donations for our website project to be put out at both festivals rather than solicit the city organizations, or the city, for any more money at this time. Lisa said she would be willing to make a box and Genny said she would be willing to make the sign for the same if we decided to do it. Wayne Kessler made a motion to that effect, seconded by Lisa Marx. Motion carried.

Under announcements, Rose Ann stated the next meeting would be held August 25, for the September meeting, due to the Labor Day weekend falling during our next scheduled meeting date.

There being no other business John Jaeb made a motion to adjourn, Lisa Marx seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sheldon Barthel
Secretary