

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: May 5th, 2008

President Rose Ann Gindele called the meeting to order at 7:03PM at the St. Michael City Hall. There were 4 guests in attendance and 14 board members. Board members present were: Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Bob Zahler, Harvey Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Clarence Eull, Mary Ann Eull, Rose Ann Gindele, Genny Kieley, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, and Chuck Van Heel.

Minutes of the previous meeting, dated April 7th, were read, and after a correction was offered by Lisa Marx concerning the Ad-Lan representative's last name as being Hamlet instead of Zachman, Wayne Kessler made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Harry Welter. Motion carried.

Under correspondence, Rose Ann reported that we had 5 new memberships since the last meeting, one renewal, and one ten-dollar donation. She also received a copy of the Hanover Historical Society Newsletter.

In her monthly report, she stated that 2 farm reports came in and one party declined to send in a report. She also informed all present that the annual E-postcard filing to the IRS has now been completed.

John Jaeb stated the checkbook balance at the end of the meeting on April 7th was \$4,484.53. Since that meeting Deposits totaled \$115.00, Expenses \$101.11. Checkbook balance as of the beginning of this meeting is \$4,599.53.

On committee reports, Wayne Mosher said, to date, 214 boxes of Historic note cards are in the field, 139 have been sold for a total of \$2,065 from June 2007 through April 2008.

On the Spring Newsletter, Genny Kieley, editor, is looking for more farm stories for future publication, also more information on home talent plays.

On the website formation, Bob Zahler met with Emily from Ad-Lan, Inc. and members of the committee have been getting together on a casual basis discussing website content. Bob Zahler, Steve Barthel, and Genny Kieley, will shoot for the end of July to have the web site up and running.

On the farm photo project, Bob Zahler reported that all previous submissions now have been typed up.

In his Membership report, Bob Zahler stated we have 61 total memberships as of today.

Under unfinished business, solicitations for website startup from the three groups in town, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, and Lions, report will be unavailable until next month mostly due to meeting timing issues.

Because there is talk of building a new library in town in the foreseeable future, and the city has suggested that perhaps building space could be included for the Historical Society in such a building, it was suggested the St. Michael Historical Society work with the present library when planning begins.

With that in mind, Chuck Van Heel volunteered to act as liaison between the St. Michael Historical Society and Friends of the Library. A request should be made to put Chuck on their mailing list.

Due to problems with present language, clarification of the rules regarding newsletter publication expenses needed to be addressed and revised, therefore the following motions were brought forth:

1)...That the newspaper editor shall receive a fee of \$50 for each quarterly newspaper published. This fee is intended to cover all expenses incurred by the editor with the only exception being the actual printing cost of the newsletter and postage for mailing the newsletter, which will be reimbursed upon the turning in to the treasurer verifiable receipts for the same. Motion made by Sheldon Barthel, seconded by John Jaeb, motion carried.

2)...That the petty cash fund previously created on 7-16-07 for newsletter expenses be terminated immediately. Motion made by Sheldon Barthel, seconded by John Jaeb, motion carried.

Another motion was made by Harry Welter, seconded by Lisa Marx, to include the Library, City Hall, Knights of Columbus, Lions, and American Legion on our newsletter mailing list. Motion carried.

Under new business, on beginning a Collections Committee, after several copies of sample collections policies from a 2003 manual were passed out it was decided to table the formation of a committee until the next meeting.

Motion to table made by Bob Zahler, seconded by Wayne Kessler. Motion carried.

Under announcements, it was suggested to have Vernon Berning speak at the June 2 meeting about antique guns and gun collections. People will be invited to bring photos if they have questions on guns, as guns are not allowed in city hall. Alfred Zachman will contact Vernon about speaking with meeting at 7PM and program at 7:30PM.

Motion to have Vernon Berning as speaker at the next meeting made by Harry Welter, seconded by Mary Ann Eull, motion carried.

There being no further business, Bob Zahler moved to adjourn, John Jaeb seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Barthel
Secretary