

## **ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 (September meeting)**

President Rose Ann Gindele called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. There were 13 board members present and no visitors. Board members present were: Sheldon Barthel, Clarence Eull, Mary Ann Eull, Rose Ann Gindele, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Lisa Marx, Earl Vetsch, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Bob Zahler, and Harvey Zahler.

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were read with a motion by Wayne Kessler to approve as read, seconded by Harry Welter. Motion carried.

Under **correspondence**, Rose Ann reported 1 membership renewal on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

In her **Presidents Report**, Rose Ann stated we gained a new member at the City Festival. We now have 66 members in our society. During the festival one box of Historic Note Cards was sold and one summer newsletter. Although there was not many visitors at the booth, much interest was shown in the society, website, and scrapbooks. A suggestion for next year was made to purchase a new tent. Also passed out were 100 pencils and bookmarks each and 400 midget Tootsie Rolls at the booth and during the parade. 43 pencils and 56 bookmarks remain for the Church Festival in September. A special thank you goes out to Shawna Zachman for acting as teacher on the float. Rose Ann mentioned that the 8 page summer newsletters are here and that anyone that hasn't received their copy can pick it up after the meeting or they will have to be mailed. Overs will be available for sale at the Church Festival, September 13, for \$2.00 each for non-members. She closed with a thank you to all who helped at the booth and float in the parade. God Bless you all!

John Jaeb gave the **Treasurer's Report**. Checkbook balance as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 was \$5,845.38, deposits since then were \$30, and expenses were \$210. Checkbook balance as of August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was \$5,665.38.

**Reports of Committees.** When members were asked for comments about the booth at the festival, Lisa mentioned one word "quiet". When the same question was asked about the float in the parade, members felt it was one of the best we've had so far.

Bob Zahler spoke up about the website, which is now up and running, mentioning some of the bugs encountered at startup. Lisa will talk to Perry Zachman about any fees due for the website to date. Steve Barthel will talk to the city of St. Michael about placing a link to our website on the city website. Bob will check on who will be designated as "contact us" person for the website, and Lisa will talk with Emily about corrections that need to be made on the website.

On the 8-page summer newsletter, the balance not claimed at the meeting by members, or at the Church Festival, will need to be mailed. Rose Ann said that she and Genny would take care of the mailing.

**New Business.** John Jaeb looked into getting a banner for our booth so we don't have to bring the one on the stand. He said that Ken Schumacher, of Dahlheimer Distributing in Monticello, has volunteered to produce a banner for the society, which will be approximately 4 feet long by one foot high.

The fall newsletter, stated Rose Ann, will have a business theme. Anyone having information, stories, pictures of a business from a historic perspective is asked to turn it in to editor Genny Kieley no later than the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, so they can be printed and passed out at the October 27<sup>th</sup> presentation.

Bob Zahler asked permission to put a mock up of his book on exhibit at future events, not for presale but for introducing his history of St. Michael, soon to be published. On consensus the board approved his request.

An **Announcement** was made that the next meeting will be held at the St. Michael City Hall on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. Stephen Barthel's genealogy presentation will be October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Middle School West Auditorium.

There being no other business, John Jaeb moved to adjourn, seconded by Lisa Marx. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 7:46PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Sheldon Barthel  
Secretary