

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: August 30, 2010

Bob Zahler, President, called the Board Meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:02 PM at St. Michael City Hall. The directors present were Bob Zahler, Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, Harvey Zahler, Harry Welter, Alfred Zachman, Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, and Wayne Kessler. Also present were three visitors. Secretary Stephen Barthel read the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Harry Welter to approve the minutes and seconded by Alfred Zachman. The motion carried.

Reports & Business

There was no correspondence to report on.

President's Comments – Bob Zahler mentioned that the Daze and Knights went well with the relative look-up activity, but that same activity at the parish festival would attract more former St. Michael people. Two memberships were received, as well as three boxes of cards sold. The donations amounted to \$2.00. To thank Dick Swanson for the use of his car in the parade, a motion was made by John Jaeb and seconded by Sheldon Barthel to give Dick Swanson an honorary membership for the year 2011. The motion carried. The Blazers concert will be Saturday the 16th of October at the Historic Church – 7:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report – John Jaeb gave the checkbook balance, as of 3 July 2010 at \$6,277.42. With a deposit of \$105.00 and expenses of \$222.00, our balance, as of 30 August 2010, stands at \$6,160.42.

Website – Stephen Barthel reported the website visits were at 42,555 since August, 2009. No major changes were made to the website other than keeping the front page updated to reflect upcoming events. Emily Hamlet will fix the new spam problem.

Newsletter – Sheldon Barthel will be putting out the next newsletter in November. Genny Kieley will put out the newsletter for February, which will be her last. A replacement will be needed for Genny. Sheldon mentioned that Office Max in Monticello would be less expensive to use for our newsletters than Kinkos.

Parish Festival – Assignments were made for staffing our Historical Society booth at the St. Michael Parish festival, which will be held 12 September 2010. Stephen Barthel will bring the computer and monitor to do relationship checks. We would have three tables. Electricity would be requested by Bob Zahler. The booth would be staffed from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM by John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, Bob Zahler, Rose Ann Gindele, Harvey Zahler (if needed) and Sheldon would be a floater. Discount membership will be made available and a donation box set up.

Archiving – Betty Dircks of the Wright County Historical Society gave Bob Zahler a lot of information and materials on and what is needed for archiving and cataloging.

Grant Application – Bob Zahler will work on items to apply for in a grant. September 24th would be the deadline for the next grant application for equipment such as computers (desktop and laptop), printer, scanner, and projector. He will work on it and bounce it off of Steve Barthel. Rose Ann has an application form.

October 25 Presentation – Bob Zahler reserved the Middle School West as our venue for Stephen Barthel's presentation on *Bizarre Stories in Genealogy*. He will also demonstrate the website of the St. Michael Historical Society. Bob will make the arrangements for the computer and ether net. Bob will also give a news release to the *Crow River News* for this event. The time for reserving the area would be 6-10:00 PM. The meeting would begin at 7:00 PM and last about an hour. Donation baskets will be made available.

Space Needs – Bob Zahler mentioned access to the new Library/City Hall building will be through Mark Weigel. He will check on obtaining old furnishings from the city or businesses going out of business. December 11 is the Grand Opening.

Dues and Postage – To save on postage for next year Sheldon requested that we pay early, as postage may be going up. A membership notice would be going out in January and a second reminder later.

Archivist – Rose Ann Gindele purchased four binders and sheet protectors and submitted receipts to John Jaeb. Donations received were an old newspaper from Gladys Robeck and a St. Michael City Band hat with from Phyllis Pollack.

Announcements – our next meeting would be held 4 October 2010 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

With no further business, Harry Welter moved that the meeting be adjourned, with Harvey Zahler seconding the motion. The motion to adjourn carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Stephen Barthel, Secretary

On 30 August 2010 Sheldon Barthel made as motion to accept these Minutes as corrected and Lisa Marx seconded the motion. The motion passed.