

ST. MICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES: June 11th, 2012

Bob Zahler, President, called the Board Meeting of the St. Michael Historical Society to order at 7:02 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116. The directors present were Sheldon Barthel, Rose Ann Gindele, Brendan Sage, Stephen Barthel, Matthew Eiyneck, Lisa Marx, Harvey Zahler, Bob Zahler, Harry Welter, Earl Vetsch, and Crystal Sayen. The minutes from the May meeting were approved as read.

Reports & Business

President Report – Bob started the meeting by introducing Torney Marshall, a visitor who is a member of the Hanover Historical Society. Torney shared a photo of a scale that he acquired when purchasing Vern Hackenmueller's old grocery store (now Ditto's Bar). He stated that the scale was used while Vern's Grocery was in business and that he was willing to donate it to the St. Michael Historical Society. Bob noted that the Collections Committee would need to talk about the scale before the society could accept the donation. Sheldon suggested that this item was important enough that it could be discussed right now. Sheldon also mentioned that the city had previously agreed to provide space for us to keep larger items. After brief discussion regarding whether or not we had proof that it was the scale from Vern's store, Harry motioned to accept the scale from Torney pending verification of authenticity. Earl seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. Bob said that he would contact the city regarding storage and also that he would show the photo to Aggie Hackenmueller for verification that it was the scale they used in the store.

Treasurer's Report – The balance was reported to be at \$6,601.31 with a total of \$107.58 in expenses, and \$0.00 in deposits.

Website – Stephen reported the number of visitors at 149,230. He also stated that work on a PDF file of the plat map of the cemetery was in the making. Stephen also had an idea of linking obituaries to each gravestone, but would have to follow up with the idea by talking to the Peterson Chapel Home.

Media Specialist – Emphasis was put on getting documents and other artifacts scanned into the computer during this summer.

Newsletter – Sheldon stated that two articles had been written so far for the next newsletter. Bob will be writing another article for the newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter was set for July 20th.

Membership – Sheldon reported that two new members had been added to the membership list bringing the total paid members to 98.

Old Business –

Digital recorder: Sheldon motioned that the Historical Society purchase a digital sound recording device that would not exceed \$60. Lisa seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. Bob said he would look into getting a digital sound recording device by the next meeting.

Parade unit: Scott Ellingson told Bob that he would be willing to loan a vehicle to the historical society for the Daze and Knights Parade if he has one available when the time comes. Earl Bauman told Bob that he would be willing to loan his tractor for the parade. Crystal mentioned that her father may have some equipment that could be pulled by a tractor during the parade, and that she would look into it. Clarence Eull was brought up as another possible person who may have equipment that could be pulled by a tractor.

Display window: Stephen said he would estimate about 1-2 more months until he would get the new display up in the display case.

New Business – Talk of getting some advertising out for the historical society was brought up.

Announcements – The next meeting will take place July 9th at 7:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, Room 116.

Adjournment – Matthew motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Lisa. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Eiyneck, Secretary