

SWISS (VOLHYNIAN) MENNONITE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003, 4:00 PM
Krehbiel Apartment Commons – Memorial Home

Present: Ben Stucky, Ozzie Goering, LaVera Schrag, Arnold Wedel, Jay Goering, Wayne Stucky, Gary Stucky, Maynard Krehbiel, Waneta Goering

Absent: Scott Waltner, Roger Juhnke

Call to Order: Arnold Wedel, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2003

Under Treasurer's Report it should read, ("...Endowment Fund **of** 1.2%..."). Under Monthly Checking of Parcels this statement should be added, "**Maynard Krehbiel, who was elected Executive Trustee...**" and in reference to the four remaining limestone posts, the word "marker" should be "**cemetery**".

MOTION: It was moved by Ben Stucky and seconded by Maynard Krehbiel to approve the minutes as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jay Goering, Treasurer, reported the following activity took place since the last meeting:

Income:

Swiss Money Market Account (Investment Income – Dividends)	6.45
Swiss Cemetery Building Fund (Investment Income – Dividends)	1.55
Cemetery Endowment Fund (Investment Income – Dividends)	17.12
SMCHA Checking Account – Dividends	6.84
Membership	70.00

Expenses:

Stamps	37.00
Schweitzer Salt Expenses	203.57
Web Site Hosting	59.85

Checking Account Balance \$2,245.04

MOTION: It was moved by Ben Stucky and seconded by Gary Stucky to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

SPRING BANQUET

Jay Goering will draft a notice and print tickets. Waneta will contact Vern Demel to find out exact costs. She will also get total cost of rental of tablecloths and table service. The banquet will be Tuesday, June 3, 2003, 6:30 PM in the Activity / Wellness Center at Memorial Home, Moundridge, Kansas. Tickets will sell for \$20 (this includes the meal cost of \$10 plus \$10 membership fee). Consensus was to not charge the Joe C. Goering family as they are part of the program. In charge of the banquet are Wayne Goering--Chairman; Lou Fensky—Music; Nancy Hedrick – Devotions; Margie Dyck and Lou Fensky in charge of table decorations. Arnold Wedel, Chair, reported that Vic Goering would be responsible for the program and getting it onto the website. Waneta would be responsible for getting the menu to Vic. It was suggested that programs be at the Activity / Wellness Center well ahead of the start of the banquet.

CEMETERY DIRECTORY DEDICATION

The Chair reported on information temporarily posted on the cemetery directory at Hopfield Cemetery. For the dedication service, a PA system or bullhorn will be required. There was discussion about identifying graves unmarked. Also discussed was implementing a fund for restoration of graves. There was discussion regarding what the service of dedication should be:--an indication of how this process evolved, a prayer of dedication and consecration; 3) Arnold Wedel stated he would work on this and Gary Stucky volunteered to have the prayer of dedication and consecration.

EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE REPORT

Maynard Krehbiel, Executive Trustee, suggested a workday be planned prior to the dedication service for cemetery cleanup. Consensus was to have the workday May 10, 7:30 AM until Noon. There will be general cleanup, trimming trees, setting posts, badger holes filled, etc. Ozzie Goering noted that the 75th Swiss Mennonite monument needs work and general cleanup and at the new monument at Hopefield, a light is broken and general grounds work needs to be done.

WEBSITE – 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN

Donald Quiring reported to the Chair that the site is getting approximately 25 hits per week. It was suggested that if other organizations would place links to the SHMCA website on their websites, it would encourage more activity on the website.

MCPHERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY APPOINTMENT

The Chair reported that Jake Schrag, Jr. refused the appointment but suggested that Ben Stucky be appointed. Ben Stucky will be the representative to the McPherson County Historical Society.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Chair stated that Wayne Goering, Rick Krehbiel and Delbert Goering all accepted appointments to serve on committees.

FALL FESTIVAL

Vic Goering will do the program for Fall Festival. Wayne Stucky, Neva Kaufman and LaVera Schrag were appointed to assist Vic with the planning of the program.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Jay Goering will e-mail list of SMCHA membership to the Chair. Jay and Roger will compose the announcement regarding membership. There was considerable discussion regarding the proposal to change membership dues to a choice of a \$15 annual membership, or a \$100 ten-year membership.

MOTION: It was moved by Gary Stucky and seconded by LaVera Schrag that effective February 1, 2004, membership dues for SMCHA are assessed at \$15 annual or \$100 10-year memberships. Motion carried.

This change in membership dues will be announced at the Spring Banquet on June 3. The new membership dues can be paid in advance at the Spring Banquet or thereafter, but will become effective February 1, 2004.

“ONLY SCHWEITZER SPOKEN HERE”

Ozzie Goering reported that Becki Yoder, Director of the Activity / Wellness Center has suggested that Friday afternoons are the best time to schedule this event. After discussion May 23, 2003 2:00 pm will be the first meeting of this group. Waneta will place an announcement in all church bulletins and also onto the website. It was suggested it be placed in *The Newton-Kansan* also.

OTHER

Gary Stucky distributed copies of the proposed by-law change.

The meeting was adjourned. **The next meeting will be July 10, 2003, 6:30 AM at Maynard Krehbiel's home, 1622 Eisenhower Road, rural McPherson, Kansas.**

Respectfully submitted,

Waneta Goering, Secretary