

**SWISS (Volhynian) MENNONITE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, March 25, 2004, 4:00 pm
Goering Activity Center, Memorial Home
Moundridge, KS

Present: Arnold Wedel, Roger Juhnke, Jim Goering, Ben Stucky, Gary Stucky, Jay Goering, Waneta Goering

Absent: Lowell Goering, LaVera Schrag, Scott Waltner, Wayne Stucky

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

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2004 MEETING

The minutes of the February 26, 2004 meeting were reviewed. In consultation with legal counsel following the February 26, 2004 meeting, there was no announcement of cemetery fundraising in *Schweitzer Salt*. The following corrections were made: The Minutes of "January 8, 2004" were read and approved. Farm Days at Maynard Krehbiel Farm - "... would not be scheduled for this spring." Spring Banquet – John Ruth's presentation "for the Historical Association of the Western District Conference." SMCHA Committee Appointments – "Nominating Committee – Betty Jean Graber "Stegall" (sp).

MOTION: It was moved by Jim Goering and seconded by Jay Goering to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jay Goering

Jay distributed and reported fund balances for SMCHA 2/1/2004-3/23/2004 as follows:

Checking Account Balance as of March 23, 2004	\$ 501.94
Money Market Account	\$ 7,212.42
Cemetery Building Fund	\$ 91.73
Cemetery Endowment Fund	\$15,067.91

Since the last report there was a dividend of \$7.14 to the Money Market Account; membership revenues of \$15.00, \$10.00 and \$360.00 and expenses of \$12.77 (electrical bill for marker); no change to the Cemetery Endowment Fund; and investment income to the Cemetery Endowment Fund of \$11.69. Jay reiterated that the Board of Trustees changed membership dues to a calendar year basis.

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

Jay distributed the most current membership list for 2004 which indicates current year and 10-year membership.

"ONLY SCHWEITZER SPOKEN HERE"

The next "Only Schweitzer Spoken Here" event will be Friday, May 7, 2004, 2:00 pm in the Goering Activity Center, Memorial Home. Waneta will send announcements to churches.

SMCHA WEBSITE

It was reported that there is a “glitch” in the e-mail addresses for Jay Goering and Waneta Goering. Jim Goering stated he would work on correcting the problem. Jim requested monthly features for the website and suggested Curt Goering’s article (of Amnesty International) would be an excellent one to feature in the newsletter. He also suggested putting biographical information about Curt Goering along with the article. Also suggested was announcement of the Nafziger Award given to Rachel Yoder (Ellis Goering’s granddaughter).

SCHWEITZER SALT

The deadline for the publication of the newsletter is April 9, 2004.

SPRING BANQUET MENU

It was reported that with the assistance of LaVera Schrag, Arnold and Dolores Wedel the following menu was selected: Holiday Salad w/Raspberry Vinaigrette in bowl w/ladel, Beef Au Jus, Lemon Pepper Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Brown Gravy, French Cut Green Beans Almondine, Fried Okra, Assorted Wheat and White Dinner Rolls, Butter, Pecan Pie and Apple Pie and alternate every other one, Coffee, Tea, and Water. White tablecloths and napkins will be provided.

BETHEL COLLEGE FALL FESTIVAL

It was reported that options are being worked on. Some individuals from Pretty Prairie have expressed a desire to show excerpts from the 1990 Fall Festival video. Pretty Prairie church is responsible for the program.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

There was discussion about placing the 2004 annual meeting minutes on the website. It was noted the minutes could be reviewed by the board but they are approved by the corporation membership. Also discussed was the request that the list of graves needing repair be listed in *Schweitzer Salt* and it was decided on advice of legal counsel that this would not be done.

A change in the date of the annual meeting was discussed due to the short period of time between the end of the fiscal year and financial reports and budget needing to be prepared.

MOTION: It was moved by Jim Goering and seconded by Roger Juhnke that the next annual meeting be held the second Sunday in March 2005 subject to the absence of any conflicts. Motion carried.

OUTLINE FOR VISION OF SMCHA

Jim Goering stated the Board needs a retreat to discuss goal setting for SMCHA. The date of May 15, 2004, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm was set. It would take place at Jim Goering’s home, 301 Bluestem, North Newton, Kansas. He requested assistance from Gary Stucky in providing issues/ideas to be discussed.

TRUSTEES REPORT – Ben Stucky

Work Day. Work needs to be done on installation of the remaining posts, trimming trees, etc. Ben will get with Scott Waltner to schedule a date.

MEMBERSHIPS

There was discussion about sending a letter prior to the banquet regarding yearly \$15 memberships and 10-year \$100 memberships. It should appear in *Schweitzer Salt*. There was also discussion about allowing Spring banquet goers to not be members but still participate in the meal. Jim stated we should be looking at benefits to membership in SMCHA to attract current and new members. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

TOURMAGINATION SWISS VOLHYNIAN TOUR

Information was distributed regarding the September 15-29, 2004 Swiss Volhynian Tour with John Ruth, Jim Juhnke and Wilmer Martin as tour leaders. It was agreed to list the tour as a "future event" with a hotlink to TourMagination with a possible 2% discount on the tour price for Schweitzer Mennonites. Jim Goering stated he would compose something suitable for the website after he gets in touch with TourMagination staff.

NEW BUSINESS

By-Law Changes. Jim Goering reported he would contact the By-Laws Committee to make necessary changes, additions and corrections to the current SMCHA By-Laws.

Frequency of Board of Trustees' Meetings. There was discussion about the frequency of scheduled meetings. Is it necessary to meet as often as the Board meets? It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled only when there is business to discuss.

NEXT MEETING: May 6, 2004, 4:00 pm in the Goering Activity Center, Memorial Home.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Waneta Goering, Secretary