

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

Thursday, February 3, 2005, 4:30 pm  
Memorial Home Goering Activity Center, Moundridge, Kansas

**Present:** LaVera Schrag, Lowell Goering, Arnold Wedel, Jim Goering, Jay Goering, Roger Juhnke, Ben Stucky, Waneta Goering, Wayne Stucky  
**Absent:** Scott Waltner

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

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2004 MEETING**

The minutes were reviewed and corrected to reflect that the Elder Jacob Stucky trunks were in the possession of Galen Stucky prior to their transport to the Kauffman Museum

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jay distributed the treasurer's report.

<b>SMCHA Checking Account Beginning Balance as of 01/01/05</b>			<b>\$ 47.47</b>
Income:	3 membership dues	\$ 85.00	
	Transfer from Swiss Money Market Account	200.00	
Expenses:	Electricity (BPU)	\$ 33.10	
	Vision Computer (quarterly website hosting fee)	\$ 59.85	
	<b>Account Ending Balance as of 02/03/05</b>		<b>\$ 239.52</b>

Jay reviewed the financial report as of 12/31/04 and as it would be presented at the annual meeting in March 2005. He also distributed a membership list effective February 3, 2005. There was some discussion regarding a concern that adoption of a ten-year membership option could create a deficit in the treasury in the near future.

**MOTION: It was moved by Roger Juhnke and seconded by LaVera Schrag to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.**

**ONLY SCHWEITZER SPOKEN HERE**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 4, 2005, 2:00 pm, at the Memorial Home Chapel, near the Assisted Living unit. All others will be held in the Goering Activity Center.

**SCHWEITZER SALT**

There was no report.

**SMCHA WEBSITE**

Jim Goering reported that six (6) stories from Jeff Koller's book, *Eden Peace Witness*, have been appearing on the website. Jim complimented Dennis Quiring on a job well done.

## **DEATH OF GARY STUCKY**

Flowers for the funeral have been purchased. There was discussion about his replacement on the SMCHA Board of Trustees. It was decided that since his term expires on the board in approximately one month, the board would let the Nominating Committee go through the normal process in selecting a nominee to fill the vacancy on the board.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 13, 2005, 2:30 pm at the Hopefield Mennonite Church. The notice of the meeting along with proxies will be sent to the corporate membership as of December 31, 2004. Harris Waltner has consented to give the invocation.

## **SPRING BANQUET**

Jim Goering reported that he has spoken with Kirsten Zerger on being the keynote speaker at the banquet. She has agreed to do it and has submitted an outline, "Our Swiss Mennonite Heritage: Cheese-Makers and Wheat Growers, Peace-Builders and People of Courage-- Becoming Relevant and Useful in the Coming World." Jim will continue to communicate with her. The date for the Spring Banquet is Thursday, May 19, 2005, 6:30 pm at the Student Center on the Bethel College campus. The menu was discussed and concern was expressed that it not be the same as last year. Also discussed was the master of ceremonies. No decision.

## **TRUSTEE REPORT – Ben Stucky**

Ben had nothing to report.

## **SCHWEITZER MUSEUM COMMITTEE**

There was discussion about forming a committee for the purpose of gathering Schweitzer artifacts. Makeup of the committee was discussed and some suggestions were: representatives from the Moundridge Historical Committee, Kaufman Museum and others. Concern was expressed that a "museum" denoted considerable organization, maintenance of property, etc. Perhaps a better recommendation would be to locate the Schweitzer artifacts and then develop a formal document denoting location of the documents/artifacts. Arnold Wedel agreed to explore the issue and prepare a proposal for the next meeting.

## **SCHWEITZER TAPE**

There was brief discussion but no decision was made.

## **SMCHA PROPERTY**

Arnold Wedel reported that he and Maynard Krehbiel researched the records in the McPherson County Register of Deeds office on property lines at the Hopefield Church. He reported that Aztec Lane is part of SMCHA cemetery property.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Final By-law Revisions.** Jim Goering discussed the final revisions to the By-Laws. They will need approval by the corporate membership at the annual meeting on March 13. It was suggested that copies

of the existing by-laws and revised by-laws be made for comparison purposes and distributed at the annual meeting. They are also on the website for review.

**Cemetery.** Arnold Wedel reported that Von Peterson has promised to submit a report on updating graves in the Hopefield Cemetery.

**Book on South Dakota Mennonites.** Ben Stucky discussed a book published by an author from Seattle, Washington on the Mennonites in South Dakota and related the snowstorm deaths of the Graber and Kaufman children. Arnold Wedel shared that this book was reviewed in the Wall Street Journal. Jim Goering recommended that this review be placed on the SMCHA website and agreed to try to get permission to do this. Ben also reported this author would be interested in speaking on his book.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 24, 2005, 4:00 – 5:20 pm in the South Conference Room in the Memorial Home Goering Activity Center.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: It was moved by Jim Goering and seconded by LaVera Schrag to adjourn. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Waneta Goering, Secretary