

**Swiss(Volhynian) Mennonite Cultural And Historical Association
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 24, 2005 4:00 pm
Memorial Home Goering Activity Center, Moundridge, Kansas

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

Present: Arnold Wedel, Jay Goering, T. James Goering, Roger Juhnke, Wayne Stucky, LaVera Schrag, Melvin Graber, Ozzie Goering

Minutes Of February 3, 2005 Meeting

The February 3rd meeting minutes were approved after the correction to the sentence about the Nov. 4th meeting minutes. Wayne Stucky moved for the correction.

T. James Goering moved for adoption of Feb.3rd minutes, Roger Juhnke seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jay Goering presented the treasurers report.

SMCHA Checking Account Balance as of 3/23/05	\$ 1,106.01
Swiss Money Market Account	\$ 6,643.31
Cemetery Endowment Fund	\$ 15,228.48

Jay shared that a ten year member paid an additional 1 years membership so Jay added another year onto their 10 years. 82-84 members have paid at present. 180 members paid in the 2004 year. LaVera Schrag moved the treasurers report be accepted. Wayne Stucky seconded the motion. The committee approved.

Only Schweitzer Spoken Here

The meetings have around 60 in attendance. The next meeting is at the Wellness Center April 1st at 2:00 pm. The Wellness Center benefits are very much appreciated.

Schweitzer Salt

There was no report.

Schweitzer Museum Committee

Rachel from the museum said there are many Schwitzer artifacts in storage, not on display. Maybe a list could be established and have at the museum available to be seen by anyone interested. Arnold Wedel prefers the spelling on the museum sign to have two FF's instead of just one F in the name Kauffman.

Spring Banquet

Is May 19th at 6:30 p.m. on Bethel College Campus at the Student Center. Ticket price is \$15.00.

New Business

A Thank You note from Janet Stucky was sent around. SMCHA had sent flowers to the Gary Stucky funeral.

Jay Goering moved that the committee re-appoint the members of the Research Project Committee; Marlene Krehbiel, the Nominating Committee - Gordon Schrag, and the Scholarship Committee - Art

Goering to serve a second term on these committees. Wayne Stucky second the motion. Committee approved motion. Melvin Graber is to contact them about this appointment by the committee.

A Thank You note needs to be sent to Waneta Goering and Ben J. Stucky for their service to SMCHA. The President and the Board of SCHMA wish to convey their appreciation and thanks for their diligent service.

Arnold Wedel suggested the Board of Trustees elect an executive committee representative at the close of this meeting. LaVera Schrag & Wayne Stucky consented that Wayne Stucky will be that representative.

Cemetery Work

Von Peterson has started work and has hired help planning to complete the work this summer. Some expenses have been paid out of the general fund. It was discussed that the money paid in by individuals for the relatives graves restoration be documented. Jay Goering will do this. It was recommended that Arnold Wedel work with Von Peterson at documenting the \$13,000.00 restoration bill in a formal contract.

Ozzie Goering commented in the discussion to raise funds for the cemetery restoration:

1. Contact a few interested individuals to see what amount of money might be generated.
2. Then after what remaining money is still needed it would be sought from a large number of people.
3. Go to families with ancestors in the cemetery.

Do this after the total need is known, how much is available to spend and then what is needed to be raised.

There was discussion as to what can be done with the \$10,000.00 in the Cemetery Endowment Fund given by Hopefield Mennonite Church. Jay Goering will check some files he has and report back at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING CHANGED TO MONDAY, MAY 23, 2005, AT 4:15 P.M., AT THE WELLNESS CENTER

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

ADDITION TO THE MINUTES

An informal meeting was held April 26, 2005 to discuss the banquet on May 19, 2005