

Swiss (Volhynian) Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 23, 2005
Memorial Home Goering Activity Center
Moundridge, Kansas

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

Present: Arnold Wedel, LaVera Schrag, Roger Juhnke, T. James Goering, Lowell Goering and Melvin Graber

Minutes of March 24, 2005 Meeting: T. James Goering moved they be adopted, Roger Juhnke seconded and they were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Attached to minutes after the meeting.

SMCHA Checking account balance as of May 31, 2005	\$3,047.34
Swiss Money Market account	\$6,657.19
Cemetary Endowment Fund	\$15,258.72
Swiss Savings account	\$99.41

Annual Meeting Minutes: The Board agreed to approve them, after changing the date from the 12th to the 13th. The Executive Committee meeting minutes need to be changed from the 12th to the 13th as well.

Spring Banquet Comments: Kirsten Zergers presentation will be put on the web site in 2 parts. Very positive comments were shared about Kirsten's presentation Four college students were given complementary tickets to atten the banquet. For next year work at advertising the banquet more.

The Book "Childrens Blizzard" by David Laskin: Discussion centered around having Laskin come for a book signing and also speak. Would it be okay to pursue this? Arnold Wedel was authorized to chek it out with Laskin and the publisher.

Roger Juhnke made the motion that we pursue David Laskin for sometime this fall, and determine the cost involved. Arnold could report at the next meeting what costs there would be to have Laskin come. LaVera Schrag seconded the motion and the approved the motion.

Fall Festival: The date for Fall Festival is October 1, 2005. There was a challenge getting help for last year. Suggestions for what might take place included: Have the Only Switzer Spoken Here group hold there meeting at Fall Fest. Have a Food Booth. Arnold Wedel will talk to Toby Goering Dave Linscheid.

Display at Charlotte, N.C.: T. James Goering moved that we decline the invitaion and LaVera Schrag seconded the motion. The Board agreed.

Web site report: Two Eden Church peace stories will be put on. Lee Lever and Gordon Schrag in April and May. For June Kirsten Zerger's 1st half of her story will be on. Larry Schrag was replaced by Greg Schrag.

Work Day at Hopefield Cemetary: 5 individuals helped clean up down branches from the ice storm The bind weeds around the monument were sprayed and some clean up was done along the fence line.

Cemetary Culvert: Mound Township will do the work to install the culvert if SMCHA will buy the culvert. Cost will run \$160 to \$200. T. James Goering moved we the money to purchase the culvert up to \$200.00. Discussion to find out about the \$10,000.00 endowment from Hopefield Mennonite Church began and was ended by setting the date for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: August 29, 2005, at 4:15 P.M. at the Wellness Center