

Swiss (Volhynian) Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 29, 2005 4:15 P.M.
Citizens State Bank Room
Moundridge, Kansas

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

Present: Roger Juhnke, T. James Goering, LaVera Schrag, Robert Krehbiel, Wayne Stucky, Jay Goering, Arnold Wedel, Lowell Goering, Kipp Wedel and Melvin Graber

Minutes of May 23, 2005 Meeting: Jay Goering moved for their approval and LaVera Schrag seconded the motion. The board approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jay Goering reported: Income from banquet ticket sales \$1,705.00
Expenses for banquet \$1,175.73
Net result \$ 529.27

SMCHA Checking Account Balance as of August 29, 2005	\$ 333.52
Swiss Money Market Account	\$ 6,678.19
Cemetary Endowment Fund	\$15,308.42
Swiss Savings Account	\$ 100.64

Incentive Matching Grant Gift Fund Drive Announced: Chet Roberts presented the details to this new major fund drive.

A \$5,000.00 incentive matching grant gift by the Citizens State Bank will be paid upon the reaching the goal of an equal amount in new funds by SMCHA. The goal for the completion of this phase is December 31, 2005. During this time potential contributors will be contacted personally for their contributions. The next step will be an appeal to SMCHA membership and members of Swiss related Mennonite Churches as well as any decendants of someone buried in the Hopefield cemetary. Contact will be made through the newsletter and church bulletins.

Book Signing: On October 22, 2005 at First Mennonite Church of Hutchinson, 52 Rambler Road. There is no charge to SMCHA to host the book signing.

October 1st - publishing company would like to have a potential number attending.

October 12-14-Loretta Martins would like to have number of meal reservations.

Bulletin announcements need to be sent to the churches.

Jim Goering will put book report on the Webb site.

Saturdays schedule 5:00 P.M. signing of books

5:45 P.M. meal

7-7:45 P.M. talk

7:45 P.M. signing of books

Fall Festival: Fern Goering arranged for Arlen Ortman to take care of everything. Marlene Krehbiel is in charge.

Appointments: Greg Schrag did not accept his appointment.

Eugene Goering did accept his appointment to the Nominating Committee.

Cemetary Work: The culvert is there but not covered.

Approved Scholarships: Alan Stucky	\$500.00
Kathrine Goering	\$250.00
Libby Schrag	\$250.00

Executive Committee Meeting: This meeting was held June 6, 2005 at 4:15 P.M. at MAX Insurance Agency. Arnold Wedel opened the meeting with Jay Goering, Wayne Stucky, Melvin

Graber and Arnold Wedel present. The first item addressed was the book signing. The date was to be sometime in the last 2 weeks of October. Debbie Schmidt of the Hutchinson Church would be contacted about the meal. The next item discussed was the Fall Festival. Only Switzer Spoken Here committee members Toby Goering & Ozzie Goering were presented with the idea of taking charge of the Fall Festival event. Toby Goering would let Arnold Wedel know if they could do it. The Executive committee meeting was adjourned.

Webb Report: A 50 year old article was put on the Webb site in October, submitted by Dorothy Thompson.

SMCHA: LaVera Schrag shared some suggestions that SMCHA could do.
Hold the banquet at noon.
Honor a particular family at the banquet.
Build a building at Hopefield for a Museum.
Make a map of original settlers and land decisions.
Have Fred Goering and Ozzie Goering be fund raisers.

Kirsten Zerger's Speech: Roger Juhnke shared that individuals want copies of Kirsten's speech so he made CD's. Will sell them for \$3.00 and they are at his office.

Honorarium to Kirsten: She declined it personally so a motion was made to give it to Kipp-Cor in her name in the amount of \$50.00. Jim Goering moved it to be done and LaVera Schrag seconded the motion. The board approved.

Next Meeting: Set for November 14, 2005 at 4:15 P.M. in the basement room at Citizens State Bank in Moundridge.

Jim Goering moved to adjourn. All were in favor.