

Swiss (Volhynian) Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 14, 2005 4:15 P.M.
Citizens State Bank Room
Moundridge, Kansas

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

Present: Arnold Wedel, Bob Krehbiel, Wayne Stucky, Jay Goering, Lowell Goering, LaVera Schrag and Melvin Graber

Matching Grant Fund: Ken Goering presented a check to the SMCHA board, in the amount of \$5,000.00 matching the \$5,000.00 plus that has been received into the SMCHA treasury. SMCHA has received \$15,000.00 in pledges as well.

Minutes of September 26, 2005 meeting: The September 26, 2005 minutes were reviewed as printed. Wayne Stucky moved to accept them and LaVera Schrag seconded them. Jay Goering moved to accept the Special Meeting notes of September 26, 2005 and Wayne Stucky seconded them. Motions were approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report: Jay Goering reported: SMCHA Checking Account	\$ 375.42
Balance as of November 14, 2005	
Swiss Money Market Account	\$ 5,992.14
Cemetery Endowment Fund	\$15,369.44
Swiss Renovation Fund	\$ 5,314.90

an additional \$5,550.00 has not been recorded and \$183.00 from checking transferred to this fund.

LaVera Schrag moved to accept Treasurer's report and Bob Krehbiel seconded the motion. The board approved.

Book Signing: Arnold Wedel reported that the book signing meal expenses were \$175.00. This was not an expense for SMCHA. There were 71 present for the meal. The food was very good, the author David Laskin was very interesting and the location was fine. Could even be considered as a Spring Banquet site. There were approximately 60 books sold.

Fall Festival: Only Schwitzer Spoken here was in charge of the event.

Fund Raising: Ozzie Goering reported the fund raising to be on track. More than \$10,000.00 has been turned in and with the pledges the total is around \$16,460.00. To raise the remaining money, a plea Ozzie has written will be put into the Schwitzer Salt and into church mail boxes.

A committee of 6 will be created to further contact people for donations. Ozzie will create the committee and compile a list of names for them to contact.

Trustees Report: They have checked into putting trees around the cemetery. (Bradford trees) 20 trees at \$150.00 a piece.

They might check with Dean Leatherman for trees to plant.

Maybe find some Cedar trees to be donated.

Plan to put bushes in on the west boundry to prevent blocking the view from the church.

Work Day: 2 corner posts need to be placed at the cemetery. The trustees will organize and complete this project.

Johann Goering building: Check into possibly purchasing the building from Stacy Hall. This was the home of Delbert Goering's ancestors. It is the first house built by Schwitzers. The trustees are to pursue

this by looking at the building to see about repairs that might be needed and maybe make an offer. (\$1,000.00)

Schwitzer Salt: no report

Web Report: no report

Membership Report: Added 1 new 10 year membership. There are about 140 - 150 members at present.

New Business: none

Next Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2006, 4:15 P.M. - 5:20 P.M. at the Citizens State Bank room in Moundridge.

March 13, 2006 is the annual business meeting of SMCHA.

Motion to Adjourn: Was moved by LaVera Schrag and seconded by Wayne Stucky. The board approved.