

Swiss (Volhynian) Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 6, 2006 4:15 P.M.
Citizens State Bank Room
Moundridge, Kansas

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

Present: Jay Goering, Wayne Stucky, Robert Krehbiel, Arnold Wedel, Jim Goering, LaVera Schrag, Melvin Graber, Kipp Wedel, Lowell Goering, and Ozzie Goering

Minutes of November 14, 2005 Meeting: Jim Goering moved their acceptance and LaVera Schrag seconded their acceptance after the sentence " This was not an expense for SMCHA." under the Book Signing report in the minutes, was omitted. The board then approved the motion.

Treasurers Report: Jay Goering presented the treasurers report ending December 31, 2005 and also a report ending February 6, 2006.

December 31, 2005 ending report:

SMCHA checking account	\$91.74
Swiss Money Market account	\$4,411.62
Cemetary Endowment Fund	\$15,412.29
Swiss Renovation Fund	\$12,870.20

February 6, 2006 report:

SMCHA Checking account	Balance 1-31-2006	\$76.18
Swiss Money Market account	Balance 1-31-2006	\$4,417.70
Cemetary Endowment Fund	Balance 1-31-2006	\$15,435.19
Swiss Renovation Fund	Balance 1-31-2006	\$15,845.20

The Swiss Renovation Fund balance includes a \$100.00 deposit not reported on Jay's printed report he handed out. LaVera Schrag moved to accept the reports and Wayne Stucky seconded the motion. The board approved.

Ozzie Goering's financial report handed out at this board meeting follows.

SMCHA Hopefield Cemetary Fund Drive
February 6, 2006

Goal	\$22,000
Cemetery Renovation	\$15,000
Cemetery Perimeter Planting	\$ 2,000
Monument Maintenance	\$ 3,000
Contingency Fund	\$ 2,000

Funds raised to date:

Cash paid in	\$20,048
Pledges (Perimeter planting)	\$ 2,000
Other pledges not paid	\$ 1,050
Total	\$23,098

This was his final report to the SMCHA board. The fund drive exceeded the goal by \$1,098.00. LaVera Schrag moved to accept Ozzie's report and Jim Goering seconded the motion. The board approved.

Acknowledgements: The SMCHA board wishes to express their gratification to Ozzie Goering for an excellent effort of chairing and leading the fund drive for the cemetery renovation at the Hopefield Church site.

The board wants to recognize Dale Stucky and Harley Stucky family for their part in the cemetery and monument renovation.

There was a suggestion to maybe prepare some plaques to present to these individuals.

The board thanks Lowell Goering for the time and efforts which were very beneficial and positive in the SMCHA board and organization. His input was appreciated very much.

SMCHA board recognizes the dedication of Jim Goering as chairman of the Webb committee for his time and efforts in making the Webb site a positive aspect of the SMCHA organization.

Trustees Report: The trustees put in the last posts with the help of Maynard Krehbiel. (Something about the hole being in the wrong place.) The trustees reported that the Johann Goering building looks as though it is not moveable. Would take a lot of reinforcing and busting out a lot of concrete.

Cemetery: Von Petterson needs to be reminded about the progress report needed from him. It was reported that Frank Stucky has reserved 4 lots in the cemetery. He is not a member. The current policy for lots at the cemetery is: membership price for a lot \$200.00, for non-members a lot costs \$250.00.

It is very important the SMCHA board come up with a clear policy regarding burial in the cemetery. This needs to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Marker: Wayne Stucky will request a proposal from Vaughn Juhnke to be submitted to the board.

Annual Meeting: The meeting was set for the second Sunday of March at Hopefield Church. The secretary is to send proxy ballots to the members of SMCHA. The secretary will use the 2005 membership list acquired by Jay Goering as the mailing list. This is to be done as soon as possible. The annual meeting date was changed by telephone conversation conducted by Arnold Wedel. The date was changed to March 19th the third Sunday of March following the by-laws. The budget for the year was approved by email, personal contact and phone)

Spring Banquet: James W. Krehbiel will be the speaker. He will talk about the people who stayed behind in the Ukraine. This will be at the First Mennonite Church of Hutchinson. May 11th, a Thursday night.

There was some discussion on the time of the banquet. An afternoon meeting was suggested on a Sunday evening.

An honorarium will be given for use of the church.

Tickets for the banquet are \$15.00 plus membership.

Schwitzer Salt: Donna Neufeld would like items or suggestions to print.

Webb Report: Jim Goering resigned from the committee as of January 31, 2006. In 5 years of existence there have been 15,000 hits. There are 34 monthly articles in the archives. SMCHA recognizes the work by Dennis Quiring and appreciates his willingness to continue in the capacity he is now serving. Jay Goering moved to accept this report and LaVera Schrag seconded the motion. The board approved.

New Business: Lowell Goering gave his written resignation from the SMCHA board.

Next Meeting: Will be at the Citizens State Bank room on April 18, 2006 from 4:15 p.m. - 5:20 p.m. in Moundridge, KS Bank Room