

Swiss (Volhynian) Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association
Business Meeting April 18, 2006
Citizens State Bank Room

Call to Order: In the absence of Arnold Wedel, Roger Juhnke opened the meeting by recognizing the new members to the Board. Treasurer - H Keith Goering, Trustees - Delbert Goering and Alice Suderman.

Present: H Keith Goering, Jim Goering, Alice Suderman, Delbert Goering, Robert Krehbiel, Roger Juhnke, Melvin Graber.

Minutes of February 6, 2006: Jim Goering moved to accept minutes as printed and Robert Krehbiel seconded the motion. The board approved.

Treasurer's report: Keith reported the following balances from what Jay Goering gave him.

SMCHA checking	\$936.55	as of 3-31-2006
Money Market	\$4,428.41	as of 3-31-2006
Cemetery Renovation fund	\$17,038.65	as of 4-03-2006
Cemetery Endowment fund	\$15,483.00	as of 3-31-2006

Questions and Discussion: Keith Goering asked about authorization for paying bills. Was instructed to pay them when received except for those out of the ordinary. Roger Juhnke explained the use and differences between the Cemetery Endowment Fund and the Cemetery Renovation Fund for Keith. Roger Juhnke would like a documented report by the treasurer when the funds come in to the treasurer when he makes a report to the board.

It was stated that an honorarium be paid to Peter Voran for devotions at the Annual Meeting.

Delbert Goering questioned the paying of the electrical bill for the monument lights. He had the understanding that for SMCHA fixing the lights Hopefield Church would then pay the electrical bills. It was suggested to check minutes to see if this understanding is documented some place.

Spring Banquet: Bulletin announcements are sent to the churches and are being printed in bulletins. Roger Juhnke will contact Arnold Wedel about program concerning the Spring banquet.

Appointments: These vacant positions need to have appointees.

Chair of the Web Committee
Nominating Committee
Scholarship Committee -- Delbert Goering for another term
Replace Lowell Goering
Delbert accepted appointment at this meeting.

Renovation work at cemetery: Jim Goering asked for a progress report from Von Peterson. Roger Juhnke will contact him.

Tree planting: Frank Stucky needs to be contacted about the plan for planting trees. The board wants its involvement and responsibility clarified.

Cemetery: Frank Stucky considers himself a lifetime member of SMCHA. The By Laws do not allow for life time membership. Roger Juhnke will talk with Frank about membership in SMCHA.

Monument Restoration: The \$3,000.00 figure SMCHA has been considering was based on a verbal figure from Vaughn Juhnke about 4 years ago. Vaughn has recently looked the monument over again and \$3,000.00 will not fix it properly. For the restoration to be done right it will cost \$5,800.00.

Includes: 1. cut all joints out 3/4" - 1" deep
2. sandblast all structures
3. tuck point joints
4. waterproof structures - 10 year warranty

Includes: tools, equipment, material & labor

Does not include - straightening 4 outside structures
- doing any flat concrete work

A written work proposal has been given to the board by Vaughn Juhnke. Jim Goering commented we need to do the job right, it needs to be put into excellent condition. Suggested to wait until Arnold Wedel gets back.

To fund the difference in monies it was talked about using some of the Cemetery Endowment fund money as well as some of the contingency fund money and excess in other financial funds. The deadline on the work proposal will need to be extended by Vaughn Juhnke.

Next Meeting: May 23, 2006 at 4:15 p.m. at the Citizens State Bank Room