

**Swiss (Volhynian) Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association
Business Meeting February 8, 2007
Citizens State Bank Room**

Call to Order: Vice President Roger Juhnke was encouraged by the board members to open the meeting until President Arnold Wedel arrives. (A ride mix up from Newton.)

Present: Kipp Wedel, T James Goering, H Keith Goering, Scott Waltner, Delbert Goering, Robert Krehbiel, Roger Juhnke, Alice Suderman, Wayne Stucky, Melvin Graber, Arnold Wedel.

Minutes of November 16, 2006: They were reviewed by board members. Delbert Goering moved their adoption and Robert Krehbiel seconded the motion. The board approved.

Treasurer's report:	Mid-Kansas Credit Union	
	Checking Account	\$75.72
	Money Market	\$4,484.41
	Share Account	\$43.08
	 The Citizens State Bank	
	Cemetary Endowment Fund	\$15,753.91
	Cemetary Renovation Fund	\$ 9,986.64
	Interest Income From:	
	Cemetary Endowment Fund	\$ 312.05
	Cemetary Renovation Fund	\$ 228.40

A question was asked about the reduced checking account balance. Keith reported that \$1,500.00 was paid to Hopefield Church. Jim Goering moved to accept the report and Wayne Stucky seconded. The board approved.

Annual Meeting: Will be on the second Sunday of March. March 11, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at Hopefield Church. Proxies will be distributed by Anold Wedel & Melvin Graber. The program for the meeting will follow the format and agenda as last year. The Nominating Committee will be contacted by Arnold Wedel via e-mail.

Only Schwitzer Spoken Here: The next meeting will be at the Wellness Center February 16, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Fall Banquet: The banquet is tentatively planned for the month of October, 2007. A potential site might be the Pretty Prairie Mennonite Church. Some discussion about the location of the banquet focused on the population of the members is closer to the Newton, Hesston, Moundridge, Goessel, McPherson area. Locating the banquet close to the core of the membership might enhance the attendance at the banquet. The banquet location has been moved around to several locations. Arnold Wedel introduced the book "From John Brown to Bob Dole" by Virgil Dean. Some selections were read to the board. The Huxman family mentioned in the book connects it with Mennonites. The author Virigil Dean will come to speak at the banquet.

Trustees Report: There has been no contact with Von Peterson. Jennifer Balltree has been out to the cemetary with Jim Goering and he is waiting for her proposal. When

there is an agreement on the planting plan with the Stucky Family and the SMCHA board, a competitive bidding process will be done.

After planting the trees, in a dry summer, will need to be watered once a week. Suggestions for getting this done: ask farmers if they would be interested in watering trees. Another suggestion was to install a drip line to water trees and put down a weed barrier to prevent weeds. A decision will be made after Stone Creek has provided a plan.

Web Site: Brian Stucky (son of Bruce and Pat Stucky) attending Bethel College was approached to become the chairman of the Web site. Myron Vorans comments from the fall banquet have been put on the web site and James W. Krehbiels talk will also be posted on the web site.

Schwitzer Salt: Donna Neufeldt has created a job description for the editor of Schwitzer Salt. Alice Suderman reported 3 ladies were contacted to be editor, each one declined. Suggestions are welcomed for other potential editors. In the future we could look towards an electronic method of sending the publication of Schwitzer Salt to members.

New Business: Delbert Goering shared that the Moundridge Historical Association has a goal for 2007 of possibly jointly establishing a museum in Moundridge. The SMCHA board has discussed this issue some time ago. The discussion raised the question of duplicating what we already have with the Kaufman museum in Newton.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2007 at 4:15 p.m. at The Citizens State Bank room. (A possible alternate meeting date: April 19, 2007)

Adjournment: Kipp Wedel moved we adjourn and Alice Suderman seconded the motion. The Board approved by everyone leaving.