

SWISS MENNONITE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes - Thursday, November 12, 2009, 4:00, Citizens State Bank

Present: Keith Albrecht, , H. Keith Goering, Kathy Goering, Don Kaufman Gerry Schrag,
LaVern Stucky, Alice Suderman, Arnold Wedel

Absent: Glen Goering, Bruce Stucky

1. Opening and Minutes of the August 20 , 2009 meeting. Arnold Wedel called the meeting to order. Minutes were approved. Motion by LaVern Stucky and seconded by Gerry Schrag.
2. Treasurer's Report. Keith Goering distributed copies of the treasurer's report. Income from the banquet totaled \$2,525.00. Subtracting expenses of \$1,937.30, \$587.70 was earned. Money from new members for 2009 is \$885 and \$900 from ten-year memberships. 2009 expenses totaled \$2,249.09. Assets total \$28,553.48. Keith distributed membership lists and requested corrections. Many members seem to be unclear about when they need to pay dues again; should a note be sent at the beginning of the year specifically to solicit dues for that year? Alice Suderman moved to accept the treasurer's report; Keith Albrecht seconded; motion passed.
3. Banquet. Positive feedback was given for the banquet event. The Krehbiel book was given to Norman Hofer and a \$125 check was sent. He sent a letter of appreciation. Reservations 178. Attendance 164. New members 26. Keith announced that a video is available from this event. Kathy will send a note to newspapers with this video (\$5) information and encouraging people to join SMCHA.
4. Annual Meeting. March 14, 2010 will be the annual meeting at Eden at 2:30 p.m., business meeting with program by Pretty Prairie Mennonite Church following. Kathy Goering will confirm reservation date and time with Eden office. The Eden women have agreed to serve a light lunch paid for by donation.
5. Trustee Report. Don Kaufman asked if a work day is necessary. Brush pile needs to be burned. Don and Gerry Schrag pulled bagworms off trees recently. Money needs to be appropriated next early summer to spray for bag worms; a high pressure sprayer would be needed. Estimate cost < \$300. Keith Goering paid Don Esch \$60 this week. Brome hay was good on that land this year.
6. "Only Schweitzer spoken here" Don Kaufman reported that Toby Goering said the next program will be January 2010.
7. Scholarship. No report/
8. New web hosting. Dennis Quiring remains our contact but Goshen College will be host for the SMCHA website at Mennonite.net. Keith Goering has not paid Gordon Waltner's firm for over a year for web site work. Activities and board members need to be updated on the web site and the date for the annual meeting added.

9. Burial. Phil Stucky is the only widower who has requested a burial lot at Hopefield Cemetery. Six widows still want a lot reserved.
10. Catlin Cemetery. Fourteen graves are on Hornberger farm. Names are listed in south part of Hopefield building. 185 ancestors died whose names are not posted at Hopefield, some in New York, at sea, at Burrton, in Illinois or Indiana, and other. Some stayed for a time in other states to work to pay back the financial aid they had been given to immigrate. Arnold Wedel and Maynard Krehbiel have talked with Chuck Good, Catlin Cemetery trustee. Should a marker be added in the Catlin Cemetery listing names of those who are buried there?
11. Bricks. Only 3-4 people have expressed interest in the brick project. A minimum of 20 was needed. If we want to continue this project, more direct solicitation will be needed. This effort was to increase the Endowment Fund.
12. New business.
 - a. Arnold Wedel encouraged ideas for next year's banquet. Kathy Goering suggested emphasis on the Mennonites who were instrumental in the early days of Moundridge town with some help from Maynard Krehbiel who had mentioned his interest in this subject. Gerry Schrag suggested Brian Stucky about the Alta Mill or the history topic Brian discussed several weeks ago at Goessel. Gary Waltner had been asked previously but he was unable to come at that time. In the past, tables had been set up to honor specific families: Andrew Schrag, P.J. Wedel, Joe Goering and others. This could be continued.
 - b. Kathy Goering asked about raising annual dues to \$20. Will be discussed later.
 - c. Efforts to gain e-mail addresses will be ongoing. Kathy Goering will give Keith Goering the addresses that came in at the banquet.
13. Next meeting. **Thursday, February 4** at 4:00 p.m. at Citizens State Bank.
14. Adjourn. Gerry Schrag moved to adjourn; Don Kaufman seconded.

-Kathy Goering,
Recorder