

SWISS MENNONITE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Board and Trustee Meeting

May 5, 2011 @ 4PM, Community Room, Citizen's State Bank, Moundridge KS

Present: LaVern Stucky, Kathy Goering, Keith Albrecht, Don Kaufman, Alice Suderman, Richard Ratzlaff, Bessie Huxman

1. Minutes of the 3/24/2010 meeting were approved.
2. Treasurers Report—Report was sent to board members by email. Assets total \$41,281.99 as of 4/30/2011. That includes \$21,912.58 in Endowment CD and \$10,058.51 in Scholarship CD. Dennis Quiring was paid \$199 for web site. Many who paid 2010 membership fee have not yet paid in 2011. LaVern attended the Moundridge Community Foundation informational meeting. SMCHA could invest some funds through MCF with the possibility of increased earnings. Question will be discussed at next meeting.
3. Trustees —Don Kaufman reported that Gerry Schrag, Keith Albrecht and he cut down bushes at the monument to discover if the plants could recover in beautiful form. They pulled out stumps of a cedar and a deciduous tree at the southwest corner of the cemetery and asked for advice about replanting. They were authorized to plant there as they deemed appropriate. Brush needs to be burned as soon as the wind diminishes.
4. Nominating Committee appointment. Suggestions were given for new member of Nominating Committee. Will follow up with phone calls.
5. Annual banquet date is set at October 20, 2011. Gary Waltner from Germany via S. Dakota will be the keynote speaker. West Zion Mennonite Church has the capacity to host 200. We will work with Geneva Wedel in providing a meal including some ethnic dishes. The banquet will be advertised in the next *Schweitzer Salt* and area newspapers. Possibly LaVern's niece could read a poem written by his grandma Olga Krehbiel Stucky (Julius) for the 75th anniversary. Other additions to program?
6. Schweitzer language study --Helen Nachtigal made the arrangements for interviews about the Schweitzer language study program by Dr. Mike Putnam of Pennsylvania State University, the week of May 13. "Schweitzer Only Spoken Here" will address the topic on May 13. Vic Goering made the appointments for Newton folks; and Toby Goering is in charge of the Friday program in Moundridge. Those to be interviewed are Vi Graber, Bessie Huxman, Reed Graber, Clemon Kaufman (from Pretty Prairie) Howard and Neva Kaufman, Virgil Kaufman, Roland Kaufman, Nadine Wedel, Martin H. Goering, Toby Goering, Verna Goering (from Moundridge) Edythe Ensz, Fern Goering, Jacob Goering, Vic Goering, John O. Schrag (from Newton).
7. Story telling project update—Keith Albrecht will make contact with Jason Holcomb about the Schweitzer ancestor stories, interviews expected to be carried out in June during or after the harvesting season. On the list to be interviewed are Vic Goering, Alice Suderman, Toby Goering, Maynard Krehbiel, Millie Stucky and Merv Schrag, Martin H. Goering, Lloyd Goering, Arnold Wedel, Fern Goering, Wayne Ensz and maybe Milo Goering.
8. Update on the scholarship—Alice Suderman has no written requests yet but has been told about three good prospects for the scholarship.

9. Schweitzer Salt newsletter—Kathy Goering reported that Charles Schrag plans to work with the next issue to be published in September.
10. Membership group to work more closely with encouraging more individuals to join SMCHA—Helen Nachtigal is giving consideration to heading this group. Other names were suggested as helpers in this task.
11. Recognition of SMCHA founders. A plaque should be placed near the monument honoring Harley Stucky and Dale Stucky as founders of SMCHA. Something should be placed in the cemetery directory crediting Harley Stucky for the trees planted on the cemetery parameter in 2006 and 2007.
12. SMCHA cemetery identified by sign. Discussion needs to continue on cemetery policy and recognition or identification at site. Scott Waltner has not reported about further discussion with current Hopefield members regarding burial expectations.
13. Burials at Catlin Cemetery—Those Schweitzers buried at Catlin need to be remembered either with a memorial stone or plaque at the Catlin cemetery or at the SMCHA monument at the Hopefield church site.
14. Reprint of The Centennial Treasury of Recipes: Swiss (Volhynian) Mennonites, a favorite Schweitzer recipes book. Several women are considering leadership to a project to reprint only part of this recipe book, the primary favorites, including a DVD of demonstrations of how to make the ethnic recipes.
15. Display. SMCHA will use a display area in the new Moundridge Historical Association museum building in response to the invitation of MHA president Rosemary Fisher. The large museum is nearly complete already.
16. **Next Meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2011, 5:30 p.m. at the truck stop south of South Hutchinson**