

**SWISS MENNONITE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETINGS 1979-2018**

- **Feb 4, 1979** Annual Meeting at Hopefield. Pres Milo Goering welcome. Devotions Rev. Eldon Graber. Westwood Memorial Of Wichita repaired damaged plaques free of charge. Replica of Immigrant House displayed at World Conference. Elected were Milo Goering pres, William Juhnke VP, Ted Graber, sec, John W. Stucky treas; Trustees: Wayne Stucky and Dan R. Goering. Ladies of Hopefield served lunch. Highlight was cooperation with McPherson County Historical Society annual banquet at West Zion with Dale Stucky speaker. Concern expressed about how to attract young people.

- **Feb 3, 1980** Annual Meeting at Hopefield 2:30. (7th annual) Nom 1980 Hobert J. Goering, Lucy S, Phil J. Nom Comm 1981 Mel Flickinger, Phil A. Goering, Ella Kaufman (Mrs. J.J.) 50-60 members at fellowship meal.

- **Feb 1, 1981** Annual Meeting at Hopefield 2:30. Rev Ed R. Stucky devotions. Rev John Stucky's diary written in German has been located. 1980-81 scholarships to Mark D. Stucky \$500 Eden, Donald Krehbiel \$500 McPherson; Preston Goering \$500 Eden. Oswald Goering reported on progress on the Kauffman Museum. Ballot: Milton W. Goering pres; Oswald Goering BP; Doris Stucky sec; John W. Stucky treas; Trustees 3 yr: W.W. Graber, Mose Stucky. Wayne Stucky exec trustee. Hopefield Ladies served a luncheon.

- **Feb 7, 1982** Annual Meeting at Hopefield. Opening by president Milton W. Goering. Allen Martin, pastor of Hopefield devotions. Quartet: Robert Schrag, Keith Juhnke, Bill Zerger and Larry Stucky. Ozzie Goering reported on Museum Project; it continues to need money but plans are going ahead for the 5-acre site to include building plots, parking area, recreation area, etc. Motion to donate \$500 to Museum Project. Ballot: Ozzie Goering, pres, John W. Stucky treas, Trustees: Wayne Stucky and Floyd Gehring. Dan W. Goering elected to fill the VP position vacated by Ozzie Goering accepting the president position. Refreshments served by Hopefield Ladies. July 1983 Scholarship Committee denied scholarship to Charles Reimer from Freeman because he planned to attend Goshen. Gave to Tim Schrag at AMBS. Proposed that \$500 be given to handpicked high school students from our seven churches to visit the seminary. Request signed by Jim Huxman, acting Secretary at a meeting 2/4/1983.

- **Feb 13, 1983** 2:30 Annual Meeting at Hopefield. Opening by President Oswald Goering. Devotions by Erwin C. Goering. Archives Committee working on the filing and translation of papers by Ed G. Kaufman and Rev. C.J. Goering. Proposal from Scholarship Committee July 1983 denied scholarship to Charles Reimer from Freeman because he planned to attend Goshen. Gave to Tim Schrag at AMBS. Proposed that \$500 be given to handpicked high school students from our seven churches to visit the seminary. Request signed by Jim Huxman, acting Secretary at a meeting 2/4/1983. Ballot: Bill Juhnke VP, Doris Stucky sec., Trustees: Esther Foth and John W. Goering. Motion to establish a committee on Schweitzer language with John O. Schrag and Art Goering serving. Wayne Stucky exec trustee. Refreshments by Hopefield Mission Society.

- **Feb 5, 1984** Annual meeting 2:30 at Hopefield. Opening. Oswald Goering. Devotions Rev. Waldo. Carolyn Graber applied for scholarship. Ballot: Pres Art Waltner, treas Art J. Goering; Trustees Milton W. Goering and Herman Krehbiel. Remaining trustees are Wayne Stucky, Floyd Gehring, Esther Foth, John W. Goering (exec trustee). Treasurer was John Weldon Stucky. Refreshments served by Hopefield Mission Society. Scholarship: Oswald Goering, Gladys Goering, Edwin R. Stucky.
- **Aug 18, 1984** ??? Ballot: VP Bill Juhnke, sec Esther Foth, Trustees: Milton Grundman, John O. Schrag. SMCHA contract with Arthur Nuce to repair and take care of the Marker.
- **Feb 3, 1985** Annual Meeting at Hopefield 2:30. Welcome Arthur C. Waltner president. Music by Waldo & Ethel Kaufman. Pastor Waldo Miller devotions. Offering for expense and meal.
- **Feb 9 1986** Annual Meeting at 2:30 at Hopefield. President Arthur Waltner. Quartet. Orlo Kaufman asked "Will Mennonites maintain and continue to be identified by the lifestyle, culture and theology of our forefathers? ID number from IRS received. Scholarship to Royce Krehbiel, Pretty Prairie, Stan Freyenberger, First Church of Christian. Ballot: Martin H. Goering pres, Walter Juhnke treas; Trustees Paul Zerger and Ralph Krehbiel. It was suggested that a bronze plaque be located to indicate names of unnamed graves. A trust in Moundridge Bank is for the cemetery handled by a separate committee. Music by Krehbiel Family.
- **Feb 1, 1987** Annual Meeting at Hopefield 2:30. Martin H. Goering welcome. Richard Gehring devotions. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stucky special minutes. Christine Juhnke presented scholarship of \$500. Ballot: VP David Schrag, Esther Foth sec, Trustees: Milton W. Goering, Martin Stucky. Cemetery record books are available for \$10 each. We are offered a one hour slot at Bethel College Centennial Fall Festival. Charged \$1.50; we keep \$1; Bethel gets \$.50. J.O. Schrag will write a play. Motion to put marker lights back into working order. William Juhnke showed slides.
- **Feb 7, 1988** Annual Meeting at Hopefield 2:00. Welcome by Martin H. Goering. Devotions by Edwin J. Schrag. Music by the Schrag Sisters. Ballot: Delbert Goering pres, Walter Juhnke treas, Trustees: Ray Juhnke, John O. Schrag. A Zwiegesprach in the Swiss dialect by Ed Krehbiel and Art Goering added humor to the meeting. No applications for scholarship. Lights keep burning out but audience wanted lights burning. Brochures should be updated. Ideas presented to develop ways and means of preserving historical accounts of our pioneer experiences, places of importance, early towns, schools, churches, homes, post offices, etc. by means of markers, signs, stories and documents. The idea of organizing a Moundridge Historical Society was projected. Budget approved.
- **Feb 5, 1989** Annual Meeting at Hopefield 2:00. Welcome Delbert Goering. Devotions: Waldo Miller. Music Clyde Goering family.
- **Feb 4, 1990** Annual Meeting at Hopefield 2:00. Welcome from President Delbert Goering. Devotions by Ed R. Stucky. Richard Gehring scholarship. Menner Octet. Ballot: Ervin C. Goering pres, treas Delbert Goering; Trustees Martin Stucky and Marlo Gehring. Report of grave markers disappeared so he has prepared a book which will help anyone who wishes to locate a grave. Suggested that small metal markers be made to replace lost ones. Budget \$2555 adopted.

- **Feb 3, 1991** Annual Meeting at Hopefield 2:30 p.m. David Schrag served as chairman since Erwin Goering had health problems. Devotions by Roland Goering. Patsy Klassen and Bob Krehbiel sang. Ballot: Gordon Schrag pres (one-year unexpired term), Levi Krehbiel VP, Ruth Galle sec. Trustees: Raymond Juhnke and J.O. Schrag. Richard Gehring received scholarship. Art J. Goering chosen as exec trustee. Budget \$2755 approved.
- **Jan 26, 1992** 2:30 p.m. Annual Meeting at Hopefield. Ballot: Gordon Schrag pres, Delbert Goering treas. Trustees: Ralph Krehbiel and Maynard Krehbiel. Speaker: Dr. William Gering, prof of Speech and Drama from Mishawaka, IN speaking on the Heritage of the Schoenste Language—ala Kurt Stein and Bill Gering. Budget \$2355 approved.
- **Feb 21, 1993** Annual Meeting at Hopefield, 2:30. President Gordon Schrag devotions. Ballot: Levi Krehbiel VP, Evelyn Schrag sec; Trustees Roland H Kaufman and Ben J, Stucky. Scholarships for Scott Miller, Val Krehbiel, and Donavon Graber and helped finance research papers being written by Jerome Waltner on Eden Church and Rynnell Schrag on Draining of the Big Basin. Discussed planning a celebration for the 20th year of the marker. Budget \$2630. Marlene Krehbiel told stories about Early German School. J.O. Schrag selected as exec trustee.
- **Feb 13, 1994** Annual Meeting. Welcome and devotional by president Gordon Schrag. Ballot Waldo Waltner pres, Delbert Goering treas. Trustees J.O. Schrag, Myron V. Goering. VP 1-yr term (Levi Krehbiel resigned): Arnold Wedel. Donovan Graber scholarship in 1993. Budget \$3645. Dale Schrag spoke on “Values of Swiss Culture: Reflecting in Right Remembering.”
- **Sunday, Feb 5, 1995**, 2:30 Annual Meeting at Hopefield. Welcome by Waldo Waltner. Don Kaufman spoke on “The Usable Past: An Inheritance or a Search?” Ballot: Arnold VP, Vera Thiesen sec, Trustees: Florene Krehbiel and Maynard Krehbiel. Motion to publish and market James Krehbiel’s book to subsidize the project. Pastor Donovan Graber thanked SMCHA for “having a part in his becoming a graduate of AMBS.” 2395 Budget approved.
- **Feb 4, 1996** Annual Meeting at Hopefield, 2:30. Welcome Pres Waldo Waltner. Robert Kaufman received scholarship and gave devotions. James Krehbiel reported on his research. Ballot: Pres Vic Goering, Sec Marie Wedel, Treas Delbert Goering, Trustees Ben Stucky and Roland Kaufman. Budget \$2695 approved. Announcement sent to Hopefield, Eden, West Zion, First of Christian, McPherson, Pretty Prairie, Bethel College, Kingman, Burns.
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- **Feb 4 1996** Annual Meeting. Welcome Waldo Waltner. Budget \$2695. Harley Stucky recommended that the marker should be promoted for historical tours and the church should be on national register. Information about monument: take care of cracks; polish and reseal plaques every 3-4 years. Ballot: VP Arnold Wedel; sec Marie Wedel; Trustees Myron Goering and Harold Schrag.
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- **Feb 2, 1997** Annual Meeting. Welcome Victor Goering. Meditation Loris Habegger. Budget \$2695.
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- **Feb 8, 1998** 2:00 p.m. Annual Meeting at Hopefield. Vic Goering opened. Ralph Graber devotions. Ballot: Elmer Schrag pres, Delbert Goering treas, Trustees: Maynard Krehbiel and John Krehbiel. Year Review: Placed a headstone on Buecher Beer’s grave, made application to put Hopefield on National Register but denied because of being remodeled. Met with Peter J.P. Schrag family concerning the Hopefield cemetery. Lynn Ellwood scholarship. Pretty

- Prairie in charge of Fall Fest Schweitzer program. Banquet Nov 13 with Jacob D. Goering speaker. Sponsored meeting with Walter Sawatsky from AMBS. Budget \$2445 adopted. In the Kathy see Sept 2, 1998 bd minutes for the Cemetery land wording which was presented here at annual meeting and then acted upon by the board at the Sept 2 1998 meeting.
- **Feb 7, 1999** 2:30 Annual Meeting at Hopefield. Pres. Elmer Schrag. Devotions Norma Johnson. Total in Cemetery Fund: \$10,852.48. Ballot: Arnold Wedel VP, Vernell Kaufman sec, Trustees: Ben Stucky and Glenn Stucky. Year Review: Committee worked on 125th celebration, Hopefield cemetery deeded to SMCHA, Lynn Ellwood scholarship, Fall Fest Schweitzer program, banquet. Talked about making 1943 marker more attractive. Harley suggested park benches should be placed at marker; new publications made or reprints; new publication concerning the history of marker is being printed. Resolution from 125th task force: Resolved that the Executive Committee of the SMCHA study the feasibility of establishing a Swiss Mennonite Museum and that such a feasibility study be done in advance of the 125th anniversary celebration so that if a decision is made to proceed with a museum, the 125th anniversary celebration can serve as a kickoff” event, e.g., open a fund-raising drive, have a symbolic “ground breaking”, etc. No action. 1999 budget: \$2545 adopted. Holy God we Praise Thy Name sung.
 - **Feb 6, 2000** 2:30 p.m . Annual Meeting at Hopefield: Elmer Schrag opened. Jacob D. Goering meditation. Ballot for annual meeting: Pres: Elmer B. Schrag, Treas: Delbert Goering, Trustees: Harold Schrag and Leann Toews. Review of year: 125th celebration; fall fest Schweitzer program, banquet at Pretty Prairie; bench placed at the marker. Martin Schrag’s book updated. ’43 marker made more attractive. Rodents in cemetery eradicated. In gratitude for use of Hopefield as site of our meeting, Elmer Schrag presented Greg Schrag with a pair of candleholders. Harold Schrag reported on Cemetery Directory Building; \$1000 seed money given. Cost \$6500 if made from brick, \$7500 if made from stone. Web site discussed. Budget \$2745 adopted. J.O. Schrag reported that a professor at KU is studying German dialects in Kansas and sent a copy of some translations which sounded very much like our own Schweitzer dialect.
 - **Feb 4, 2001**, 2:30 Annual Meeting at Hopefield. Budget \$3000. Nice program. Maynard Krehbiel reported that Lee Mondrow witching for unmarked graves at Hopefield and none were found at the proposed cemetery building site. Jacob D. Goering’s “Dream for Hopefield” handed out. T. James Goering’s “A Vision for SMCHA” was distributed. Dale Stucky who helped organize SMCHA was recognized. Work happening on cemetery building. Suggest donation of \$1 for every ancestor buried at Hopefield.
 - **Feb 3, 2002** Annual Meeting, 2:30 at Hopefield. Val Krehbiel devotions. 1943 marker property deeded to SMCHA. Board decided to develop a home web page. Scholarships to Jim Ostlund \$125 first semester and \$125 second semester. Board had voted to put out newsletter. Cemetery building completed except for putting information into the directory display case (cost \$9916.38). Ballot: Arnold Wedel (pres), Jay Goering (treas), Trustees: Ben Stucky, Gary Stucky. Budget \$3470 approved. Ozzie Goering was chair of Schweitzer Fall Festival program at Bethel College. LaVera Schrag led song, “O Have you not Heard.”
 - **Feb 2, 2003**, 2:30 - Annual Meeting at Hopefield. Ballot: Roger Juhnke (V.P.), Waneta Goering (sec), Trustees LaVera Schrag and Wayne Stucky. Discussion of including “Volhynian” in SMCHA name. Budget \$5330 approved. Discussed cemetery boundaries.

Stone posts were installed at end of each row of graves as markers A-Z. Names of those buried placed in display case. Thanks expressed to Hopefield for mowing the cemetery and grounds around marker. Historic oak tree planted near monument on March 14, 2002. Donna Neufeld reported on Schweitzer Salt newsletter – 2000 printed (1200 distributed through 21 churches, 200 mailed to individuals outside these churches; approximate cost \$195, \$660 received as direct result of the newsletter). Vic Goering said SMCHA Web page has had 1900 “hits” to date. Scholarship Committee recommended that scholarships be given to Ruth Harder \$500 and Joe Sawatzky \$500 and if enough available another \$250 to Jim Ostlund. Lowell Goering was moderator at Fall Fest. Jake Schrag liaison to McPherson County Historical Society.

- **Feb 1, 2004** 2:30 Annual meeting at Hopefield. Budget \$7480. 2004 Scholarship: Ruth Harder and Jim Ostlund. Vaughn Juhnke did work on the marker. James Krehbiel announced that he has produced a CD of genealogy of the Schweitzer Mennonites. LaVera Schrag led singing “Great is Thy Faithfulness.”
- **March 13, 2005** 2:30 Annual meeting at Hopefield. Harris Waltner shared reflections. Budget \$6,130. \$10,000 in endowed account for graves restoration. Scholarship given to Roger Juhnke \$125, Ruth Harder \$500, Jim Ostlund \$250. Bylaws revised - Change of fiscal year. Bylaws state that term of office for standing committee = 1 year and until successor appointed. A motion at that meeting was that trustees discuss whether a trustee can serve successive three year terms. No action noted in the board minutes after that.
- **March 18, 2006** Annual Meeting 2:30 at Hopefield. Total cost of operating the web site this year was \$930. Only Schweitzer Spoken Here meets four times/year. Ozzie Goering thanked for the cemetery fund drive success. Fall Festival program given to Only Schweitzer Spoken Here planners. Steven Stucky was the Pulitzer prize winner in music. Merv Schrag said addresses will be updated in the cemetery directory. Ted Voran, Harley Stucky and Gary Stucky were additions to the cemetery. Ballot: Arnold Wedel pres, H. Keith Goering treas, trustees Alice Suderman and Delbert Goering. Budget of \$20,980 approved. James Krehbiel led singing of “Come thou fount of every blessing.”
- **Sunday, Mar 11, 2007** Annual Meeting at 2:30 at Hopefield Church. Gail Graber devotions. Scholarship went to David Roth \$500. Announced monument renovation cost of \$5,800. Von Peterson completed work on 93 stones (\$6,105) and has 103 remaining for estimated cost of \$8,990, intending to complete by Memorial Day 2007. Report of Jim Goering regarding tree project. Bid documents sent to Stone Creek, Don Esch, and Dan Zerger for tree planting project. Ballot: Roger Juhnke, no secretary nominee, trustees: Don E. Kaufman and Helen Nachtigal. 60+ members have paid \$100 for ten-year memberships. Approved budget \$18,960.
- **March 8, 2008**, 2:30 Annual Meeting at Hopefield Church. Budget \$7500. Ruth Harder devotions. 2007 Scholarships to David Roth from Kingman Mennonite and Alan Stucky studying at Elkhart MBS. Members planning Only Schweitzer Spoken Here at Richard Stucky, Norvin Schrag, Lynn Kaufman and Marvin Stucky. Announced that there are 8 cemetery reservations with monuments, five lot reservations of people whose spouses have died and 9 lot reservations where none of the partners have passed away and five graves with no monuments. Buried in 2007 was Art Goering. Delbert Goering resigned. Don Esch working on trees planted around the perimeter of the Hopefield Cemetery. Ty Stucky installed new light bulbs and an electric eye to control the lights at the monument west of the church. Someone has been hired to do the mowing (Keith Koehn of Pioneer Grounds Maintenance of Moundridge for

\$350/time/mowing maintenance including weed eating/trimming contract signed 2/26/08).
Bricks project announced.

- **March 8, 2009** Annual Meeting at Hopefield Church. Jim Gingrich gave devotions. Scholarship Phil Waite \$250. Ballot: Bruce Stucky (V.P.), Kathy Goering (sec), Trustees: Alice Suderman and Glen Goering. Budget \$3,890 income and \$3,890 expenses. Vic Goering reported that Bethel College Fall Fest officials are considering having Schweitzer and Low German programs on alternate years. Greg Stucky becomes attorney because Don Schrag died. Three burials at Hopefield: Eva Neufeld, Vic Stucky, and James Stucky.
- **Sunday, March 14, 2010** Annual Meeting at Eden, 2:30 p.m. Scholarship: Ellen Kling announced the \$250 to Phil Waite. Logan Jantz hired to mow the cemetery. Brian Stucky reported on research at Catlin Cemetery. Veralyn Goering and Laura Stucky buried at Hopefield this year. Ballot: LaVern Stucky (pres), H. Keith Goering (treas), Trustees Bessie Huxman and Don Kaufman. Budget \$4,040 approved. Reed Graber is exploring information about Jacob and Katarina Wedel who came to America in Nov 1874. Bruce Stucky presented Arnold Wedel with certificate recognizing nine years of leadership as SMCHA president and a thank you gift written in German. Program: First Mennonite of Pretty Prairie drama. Light refreshments of sandwiches, salads, and cake served after the program by Mary Martha Circle, paid by donation (\$145.43 food expenses; \$166.55 donations).
- **Sunday, March 20, 2011**, 2:30 p.m. at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge KS. Devotions by Pastor Gail Graber. LaVera Schrag led group singing "Oh Have You Not Heard of that Beautiful Stream" and "Gott Ist de Liebe." Membership 200. Budget of \$4,790 approved. President LaVern Stucky reported: Banquet speaker was Brian Stucky about trails used by pioneers. Trustees handled maintenance at properties. Logan Jantz was contracted to mow cemetery again. Only Schweitzer Spoken Here programs were given on March 12, June 18, October 9 at Fall Fest in 2010, and then Feb 4 in 2011. Committee consists of Maynard and Marlene Krehbiel, Toby Goering, Vicki Kaufman, and Neva Kaufman. Merv Schrag will be sexton. Merv, LaVern, and Keith Albrecht have updated all the records of plots at the SMCHA cemetery. Four people were buried in 2010: Vera Lyn Goering, Marlys Kaufman Voran, Mary Stucky Beebe, Phil Stucky. Research Committee: Vic Goering reported that the Research Committee is working on locating original homesteads of those ancestors who came on the City of Richmond in August 1874 checking in six townships, two in McPherson County (Mound, Turkey Creek, King City, Lone Tree) and two in Harvey County (Alta, Garden). Another project of the board is recording stories of our ancestors. Jason Holcomb is interested in interviewing Mennonites regarding stories of the pioneer days. Becky Pohl received \$250 for her VS assignment in 2010. Election of Officers. Val Krehbiel (Vice President), Kathy Goering (secretary), Gerry Schrag and Keith Albrecht (Trustees). New Business. James W. Krehbiel had determined 112 people "probably" buried at Hoffnungsfeld Cemetery but not known where. The Board is seeking any identifying information. LaVern said that Brian Stucky has scanned some areas at the SMCHA cemetery and flagged places of likely graves. Hopefield records are incomplete. LaVera Schrag led songs, "Holy God we praise Thy name," "Lord I want to be a Christian," "Take thou my hand O Father." Currently costs of cemetery plots at the cemetery are \$250 if people want to reserve a plot. Program: Rosemary Fisher, president of the Moundridge Historical Association, who spoke on "Exploring Early Moundridge Through Photographs." Sandwiches, cherry prei and poppyseed cake were served by the Eden Mennonite Mary Martha Circle, by donation. The 84 attenders enjoyed viewing the pictures, homestead maps, and cemetery maps and a time of visiting.

- **Sunday, March 11, 2012**, 2:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge. 90 members and guests present. Jerry Voth trombone solo. Richard Ratzlaff devotions. Budget of \$5,150 approved. Gift of \$10,000 received from Harley J. Stucky estate for endowment Fund. President LaVern Stucky reported: Gary Waltner was the speaker. Ruby Stucky, N. Paul Stucky, Wilbur Mosiman buried at cemetery in 2011. Committee recommended that a memorial be placed at the Catlin Cemetery honoring the children who died at Peabody. Dr. Michael Putnam, linguist from Penn State, continues to work on Schweitzer dialect information. Jason Holcomb from Kentucky is working on recording stories from the interviews of last summer. The Research Committee has identified homesteads in this area. SMCHA established two walls of displays at the Moundridge Historical Association Museum. Two issues of *Schweitzer Salt* were sent; currently we are seeking an editor. Two scholarships to Charles Schrag and Neah Ortman. Only Schweitzer Spoken Here met three times at the Wellness Center in Moundridge and will be responsible for presentation at Bethel Fall Festival this fall. Brian Stucky reported on the proposed memorial for the children buried at Catlin Cemetery. Election. Officers elected are LaVern Stucky, 2nd term as president, Ryan Goering as treasurer, Jeanette Wedel and Stan Saner as trustees. Cemetery Guidelines approved: Cost of lots remains at \$250. For those who may choose to decide to be buried at this cemetery and would want to purchase a lot in advance, a certificate will be given that would be good for 20 years. Announcements: tour to the Ukraine considered in 2013. Program: David Habegger spoke on his extensive research of the “Life and Ministry of Elder Valentine J. Krehbiel of First Mennonite Church of Christian. Poppysed rolls prepared by Deanne Loganbill, and other sweets, cheese and crackers served by members of First Mennonite Church of Christian.

- **Sunday, March 10, 2013**, 2:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, McPherson, KS. Devotions by Pastor Kathy Neufeld Dunn. History of the church by Randy Goering. LaVern Stucky reported: 1) A memorial marker was erected at Catlin Cemetery to honor the children who died when our ancestors came to Peabody. 2) The Heritage Tour to Europe and Ukraine is scheduled for July-August, 2013. 3) Banquet at Bethel College Mennonite Church in October, Rich Preheim speaker. 4) Work at properties to make these destination points. 5) Anna Kline and Doris Stucky buried at the cemetery in 2012. 6) 3 issues of *Schweitzer Salt* were sent by Editor Kathy Goering. 7) Bus tour planned led by Brian Stucky. Scholarship awarded to Caley Ortman. 8) Jeanette Wedel working on a new recipe book of ethnic recipes. 9) Only Schweitzer Spoken Here met several times. 10) Bethel College Fall Fest Schweitzer program led by Clemon Kaufman, Bess Huxman, Vi Graber, LaVera Schrag and Vic Goering. 11) Jason and Heather Holcomb interviewed several area Schweitzers and sending the transcriptions to us. 12) The sign project at Hoffnungsfeld Cemetery will be a project for this year. Improvements in recent years have been the directory built, rows marked, trees planted, and graves identified. 13) Several individuals have begun photographing gravestones as part of an effort to develop a cemetery data base so that people from all over the country could discover where their family members are buried. 14) Check the website swissmennonite.org to see relevant information about officers and interesting articles. 15) A contribution was made of \$8,000 to the Moundridge Community Foundation and \$2,000 was matched by the Foundation for a total investment there of \$10,000. Financial report and budget approved. Election of officers: Ron Preheim Vice-President; Barbara Stucky Secretary; Kip Wedel, Clemon Kaufman, Richard Stucky and A. Dale Schrag Trustees. 16) Three proposals: A. Membership rate change to \$20.00/individual/year or \$100 for six years beginning January 1, 2014. B. Cemetery plots will

be \$350 for individual plots and \$600 for two plots for Husband and Wife. Multiple-lot price will be for Husband and Wife only and additional lots for a family unit at single-lot rate unless these would also be Husband and Wife units. These changes effective January 1, 2014. C. A Membership chairperson position created to collect membership fees and keep membership records and develop ways to contact potential members and increase membership.

Announcement: Betty Graber Hartzler from Pennsylvania will be leading a workshop on how to use the Brothers Keeper software in genealogical searches to be held on Monday, April 15, 2013 at the Wellness Center at Pine Village in Moundridge. Program: You Tube clip of the song, "I Did It My Way" which showed pictures of immigrants coming to America. Marlene Krehbiel, well known area historian now from Moundridge Kansas, shared information and her learnings from reading her Great Grandpa John J. Stucky's diary of the years 1898-1928.

Poppysseed rolls prepared by Deanne Loganbill, crackers and cheese, and old-fashioned cookies prepared and served by members of First Mennonite Church of McPherson.

- **Sunday, March 9, 2014, 2:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church of Halstead KS.** Brian Harmon, pastor, gave devotions. Ruth Waltner read the history of the Halstead church, written by Dorothy Dick. Budget of _____ approved. President LaVern Stucky reported: Membership increased 16%. Ukraine Tour with Gary Waltner leader. April 26 2014. Tour of local sites planned, Brian Stucky leading. Recording graves ongoing project; \$500 grant. Banquet at Whitestone with David Ortman speaker. Benjamin Richter buried at Hoffnungsfeld May 4, 2014. Number of plots reserved. Added rows AA & BB. New treasurer Clemon took over after resignation of Ryan Goering. Three issues of Salt sent out in 2013. Gave four \$250 scholarships: Caley Ortman, Jacob Landis, Mary Schrag, Ariane Bergen. Properties more attractive, weed control. New recipe project planned. Check web site for information. Jason Holcomb at PV July 6. New officers: LaVern Stucky president, Clemon Kaufman Treasurer, Keith Albrecht, and Roy Kaufman. Alice Suderman reported that at least 30 people have received SMCHA scholarships in these years. Program by recipients of scholarships: Alan Stucky, Bernie Kaufman, David Roth. Jim Ostlund. Refreshments provided by Halstead Church (home made goravei, cherry moos, cookies, coffee, tea, and water) and poppyseed rolls purchased from Deanne Loganbill.
- **Sunday, March 8, 2015, 2:30 p.m. at Kingman Mennonite Church.** Jim Juhnke, chairman of the nominating committee noted that Ron Preheim, VP, Barbara Stucky, Secretary, and Jeanette Wedel, Trustee, have all agreed to serve another term. E. Fred Goering new Trustee. President LaVern Stucky reported: 1) ongoing work of signage at the cemetery directory and directional signage; 2) Betty Graber Hartzler has created a data base that has thousands of names and locations of Swiss Mennonite graves. For \$25 you can purchase a jump drive with the information. 3) SMCHA is in the business of keeping our "stories" alive. April 9, 2015, at Pine Village Wellness Center, Moundridge, from 9:00 – noon, Laurie Oswald Robinson will be available to give encouragement and assistance to individuals with the writing of these stories. 4) Gin Niehage is going to be assisting with the membership clerical duties. 5) Another Local Site Tour is being organized for Aug. 29. Brian Stucky will again be the leader. 6) SMCHA has a membership of 296 people. 7) Resolution approved: Resolved that Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association establish an endowment fund of sufficient size to provide for the maintenance of its properties. That said endowment be completed and in place by the time that SMCHA observes the 150th anniversary of the coming of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonites to the area in 2024. The Moundridge Community Foundation will administer the endowment funds. Program: 100 years of Kingman Mennonite Church. The ladies of the church served poppyseed rolls, bohne berrogi, lots of different kinds of cookies, and nuts.

- **Sunday, April 3, 2016**, at First Mennonite, Hutchinson. John McCabe Juhnke program. – “Sojourn to Ukraine.” Paid John \$100. Richard Ratzlaff presented the history of First Mennonite Hutchinson church. Church ladies provided snacks and SMCHA ordered poppyseed rolls. Election: LaVern Stucky (pres), Clemon Kaufman (treas), New trustees: Nancy Stucky, Eugene Goering. Richard Stucky continued. Others continuing: Ron Preheim (vp), Barbara Stucky (sec), Keith Albrecht, Fred Goering, Roy Kaufman. Webmaster Dennis Quiring, Scholarship Comm: Helen Nachtigal, Roger Juhnke, Kerwin Graber. Research Committee: Wayne Goering, Marlene and Maynard Krehbiel; Nominating: Leann Toews, Ben J. Stucky, Wayne Stucky. McPherson Historical Association Liaison Ben J. Stucky. Moundridge Historical Assoc. Liaison: Robert Stucky. Genealogy Advisor: Betty Graber Hartzler.
- **Sunday, March 12, 2017** at First Mennonite, Newton. Curt Goering speaker from Center for Victims of Torture. Anita Kehr gave devotions. Ron Dietzel read the history of the church. Budget income \$5,900, expenses, \$5,870 approved. Ben J. Stucky announced the election: Ron Preheim (vp), Barbara Stucky (sec) Keith Albrecht and Roy Kaufman agreed to serve another term. On board: LaVern Stucky, Barbara Stucky, Kathy Goering, Leann Toews, Jeanette Wedel, Nancy Stucky, Richard Stucky, Eugene Goering. Webmaster: Dennis Quiring. Scholarship: Roger Juhnke, Helen Nachtigal, Kerwin Graber. Research: Wayne Goering. Nominating: Wayne Stucky, Jim P. Stucky. Hopefield Sexton: Keith Albrecht. Hopefield Church Liaison: Scott Waltner. Moundridge Historical Liaison: Robert Stucky. Genealogy Advisor: Betty Graber Hartzler. Honorary Historian: James Krehbiel. Attorney: Greg Stucky. Refreshments snacks and poppyseed roll from Deanne Loganbill.
- **Sunday, March 11, 2018**, 2:30 pm at First Mennonite Church, Pretty Prairie, KS. Rev. Kathy Goering Reid speaker. “Schweitzer Culture and Peace in Our Homes.” Devotions by Pastor Everett Schultz. 2018 Budget of ^6,400 approved. Ty Stucky gave history of Pretty Prairie church. Quartet of Stan Stucky, Rod Krehbiel, Ty Stucky, Stan Graber. Refreshments of poppyseed rolls by Deanne Loganbill and cookies and coffee prepared by Pretty Prairie church women. Pd church women \$100. Pd Kathy Goering \$150 honorarium which she returned. Elected Pres. LaVern Stucky, Treas Clemon Kaufman, and two new trustees: Pat Rupp and LaDeen Frey. Retiring trustees: Jeanette Wedel, Leann Toews.

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