

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Information from Files at Mennonite Library and Archives – 1973-2000

SMCHA incorporated on Feb 14, 1973. People interested in such activity began meeting at least two years earlier. Bylaws written.

Aug 30, 1975 at Kingman High School Auditorium. Devotions by Rev. Peter Funk. Lecture Faith of our Fathers by Jan Gleysteen. Sun Aug 31 continued Jan Gleysteen speaking at First Mennonite of Christian and then First Mennonite, McPherson. Sunday afternoon at Hopefield. Sunday evening at Eden.

Jan 8, 1978 is a list of original trustees: Peter J. P. Schrag, Pete Kaufman, Lyle Stucky, Harley J. Stucky, Menno Kaufman, William Juhnke, Art Wedel, Elizabeth Wedel, Ed R. Stucky, Ernest Saner, David Stucky, William Voran, Lucy Stucky, Sam Schrag, Phil J. Goering, Jonas L. Stucky, Marvin Schrag, Herbert R. Kaufman, John D. Voth, Herbert E. Stucky. P.J. Goering was not listed although he was active from the beginning. In Feb 1974, the general membership voted in eight additional trustees but failed to take into account alternating them into three-year terms: Albert Krehbiel, J.O. Schrag, Ruth Ritthaler Stucky, Bryan Stucky, Merlin Krehbiel, Winston Krehbiel, Clinton Kaufman and Elma Huxman. Milo Goering and Phil A. Goering were elected by the Board of Trustees in 1975. Other trustees provided by the churches: Elmer H. Goering 1976; John R. Stucky and Orlo Goering, 1977; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Graber and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graber

1979 Mennonite World Conference.

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.

Mar 19, 1979. Address for SMCHA was 109 E. Hirschler Street, Moundridge.

Aug 18-19 1979 Pioneer Heritage Days

Feb 3, 1980. Bylaws revised. Worked on by Bill Juhnke, Elmer H. Goering and John W. Goering.

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.

Mar 15, 1980 Scholarship of \$250 to Preston Goering (West Zion student at Bethel College).

Apr 2, 1980 Bd: Discussion on a museum. Suggestions included the possibility of one building that would include all the offices of the ministers of the local SMCHA churches. Insurance on marker increased to \$25,000 from Hilfs Plan. Asked for volunteers from churches to take care of shrubbery around marker.

Aug 21, 1980 fellowship dinner at First Mennonite of McPherson. Rueben Goertz from Freeman speaker. Scholarships were given to Mark Stucky \$500 and Don Krehbiel \$500 and \$250 to Preston Goering. 180 tickets.

Jan 16 1981 letter from Martin H. Goering. Ted Graber and Bill Voran term expires 1981, Wayne Stucky and Dan R. Goering 1982, Phil A. Goering and John W. Goering 1983.

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.

July 19, 1981, 8:30 a.m. Stucky Jubilee (Elder Jacob and Anna Waltner) at Bethel College with special Memorial Services at the Gravesite, Hopefield Cemetery. Scripture by Herman J. Schrag. Address by Milo Stucky, "Elder Jacob Stucky—A Congregational Leader and Family Progenitor". Presiding Harley J. Stucky. Foresanger Melvin Stucky. Fellowship hour and refreshments served by Hopefield Mennonite Church at 9:30.

Aug 19, 1981 6:30 Banquet at Eden. Welcome by president Milton W. Goering. Music by men's quartet of Maynard Krehbiel, Bob Krehbiel, James Stucky, and Gib Kaufman. Music by Pretty Prairie Church. Special feature was son written by Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Graber, Pretty Prairie. Speaker Dr. John O. Schrag on history and anecdotes of our people. Two \$500 scholarships were presented to Mark Stucky and Bernice Kaufman, students at AMBS. Over 200 tickets sold.

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.

Apr 10, 1982 Bd: Annual dinner for McPherson County Historical Association to be Apr 15, David Haury speaker. Ozzie Goering to compose newsletter.

Aug 10, 1982 Banquet at First Mennonite, Pretty Prairie. Speaker Rueben Goertz, Freeman SD. Approximately 200 people.

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 that 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. 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.

Mar 10, 1983 Suggestions: get tapes made of older Mennonites. Have contest for best written historical paper.

July 20, 1983 Bd: Bill Juhnke and John W. Goering volunteered to clean area around the historical marker.

Aug 24, 1983 Bd: discussed cleaning marker. Talk to Ray Stucky about fixing lights.

Oct 29, 1983 Banquet at Eden. 5:30 tapes music by the Golden Wheat Chapter Choir given at Wichita 1982. Quartet: Homer Gehring, Jay Kaufman, Larry Stucky, Harold Zerger. Art Walter "Our Centennial, 1984". Dr. Oswald H. Goering toastmaster. Quartet from Pretty Prairie. Speaker: Arthur E. Flegel, pres of American Historical Society of Germans from Russia. Quartet from Moundridge. Admission \$10. Based on membership, each church may send up to four representatives to the annual meeting. Members are elected to the Board of Trustees which in turn elects the officers. Those who have served as SMCHA president are: Harley J. Stucky, Milo Goering, Milton W. Goering, and Oswald H. Goering.

Dec 8, 1983 Bd: Decided to send newsletters to Hutchinson church too. Christine B. Juhnke applied for scholarship

Dec 9 1983. 110th anniversary celebration to be Aug 17-19, 1984, Milo Goering chair. John O. Schrag compiling a dialect dictionary.

Dec 20, 1983 Harley Stucky received a tax statement on the monument for \$28 and sent a letter appealing.

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. John W. Goering (exec trustee). Refreshments served by Hopefield Mission Society. Scholarship: Oswald Goering, Gladys Goering, Edwin R. Stucky.

Feb 5, 1984 Annual Meeting at Hopefield, 2:30. Oswald Goering pres. Rev Waldo Kaufman devotions. Dedication of Kaufman Museum Oct 8, 1983. Election: Pres Art Waltner, treas Art J. Goering; trustees: Milton W. Goering, Herman Krehbiel. Remaining trustees Wayne Stucky, Floyd Gehring, Esther Foth, John W. Goering (exec trustee). Treasurer was John Weldon Stucky.

Feb 16, 1984 Bd. Discussed filing tax exemption.

Aug 18, 1984 Annual Meeting at Moundridge Middle School at 6:00 p.m. Pork barbecue. Leann Schrag Toew's play "To Keep The Faith" was presented at Krehbiel Auditorium at North Newton. 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.

Sept 6, 1984 Bd: Keep SD people informed. Memberships available to out of state people at \$5/person.

Dec 9 1984 Bd Nominating Comm: Roland Kaufman, Richard Graber, Bill Wedel (P.P.).

1985 Officers: Pres Arthur Waltner, VP William Juhnke; sec Esther Foth, Treas Arthur J. Goering. Trustees: John W. Goering (exec), Milton W. Goering, Herman Krehbiel, Esther M. Foth, Milton Grundman, John O. Schrag. Milo Goering and John Weldon Stucky considered honorary members.

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.

1985 June Scholarship could be given to Hopefield, Eden, First of Christian, Pretty Prairie, Kingman, McPherson.

In 1985 letter from Pete Schrag, Pete Kaufman, Melvin Stucky, and Larry Stucky requesting funds for the cemetery saying \$2,500 is needed per year to maintain it.

1986-87 Officers: Pres Martin H. Goering, sec Esther Foth, Treas Walter Juhnke, VP William Juhnke. Trustees: Milton W. Goering, Herman A. Krehbiel, Milton Grundman, John O. Schrag, Paul Zerger, Ralph Krehbiel

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.

April 1, 1986 Bd. Wayne Stucky stressed urgent need to repair the stones and level the cemetery, possible \$2300.

Aug 31, 1986 Banquet at Eden. Dr. D.V. Preheim speaker. Admission \$10.

Jan 29, 1987 Scholarship Committee recommended that Chris Juhnke be awarded scholarship

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.

May 26, 1987 Banquet of County Historical Societies hosted by SMCHA at Eden 6:30. Meal by Eden Dorcas. Tickets \$6. Toastmaster E. Fred Goering, Music by Goering Sisters (Kathy Goering, Janet Ediger, Virginia Niehage, daughters of Orlin W. and Helen V. Goering). Slide presentation of Moundridge and area history by Delbert Goering. Report on SMCHA by Martin H. Goering.

Oct 29, 1987 6:30 Banquet at Eden with "Music and the History of the Alta Mill" by the Stucky Family. \$10 includes meal and membership.

1987-1988 Officers:

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 members 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.

Aug 18, 1988 Bd Bible School 6th-7th graders cleaned up at the marker.

Oct 8 1988 Fall Fest at Bethel: J.O. Schrag's play, "The Steckelman" (Matchmaker).

1988-89 Officers: Delbert D. Goering pres, David D. Schrag VP, Esther Foth Sec, Walter Juhnke treas. Trustees: Paul Zerger 89, Ralph Krehbiel 89, Milton W. Goering 90, Martin Stucky 90, Raymond Juhnke 91, J.O. Schrag 91.

Feb 5, 1989 Annual Meeting at Hopefield 2:00. Welcome Delbert Goering. Devotions: Waldo Miller. Music Clyde Goering family.

Sept 12, 1989 Bd: Discussed marker concerns.

Oct 1989 Fall Fest: Early Day Literary.

Oct 19, 1989 Banquet 6:30 at Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston. 149 attended. Welcome by President Delbert Goering, Devotions by Ralph Graber. Music by Wanita Schrag. Program: "Yours, Mine, and Ours: Personal Experience Stories Among Swiss-Volhynian Mennonites" by John McCabe Juhnke.

Research Committee tried to stimulate research with mini-grants for students with suggested topics: Identification of original homesteads, schools and businesses; Early attempts to form sister churches in Western Kansas and other states; Courtship and marriage customs; Swiss-Volhynian involvement in politics; Swiss-Volhynian educational developments; Analysis of Swiss-Volhynian sermons or devotional literature; Landholding and inheritance practices; Other related topics.

May 17, 1989. Dues raised to \$15.

1989-1990 Officers: Delbert Goering pres 90, David D. Schrag VP 91, Walter Juhnke treas 90, Ruth G. Galle sec 91. Trustees: Milton W. Goering 90 (deceased), Martin Stucky 90, Arthur J. Goering (exec) 92, Ralph Krehbiel 92, Raymond Juhnke 91, J.O. Schrag 91. Scholarship: Ed R. Stucky, Oswald Goering, Richard Schrag.

Nominating: Harold Schrag, Lloyd Goering, Geneva Kaufman. Bethel Fall Fest Com: Harley & Ruby Stucky, Roland & Fern Goering, Delbert & Mary Ann Preheim. Research: James Juhnke, Dale Schrag, Gladys Goering.

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.

Sept 11, 1990 Bd Full funding of \$900 received and all bills for the E.G. Kaufman Drama are paid. A complimentary membership given to Jim & Anna Juhnke for his work in writing the drama and helping with the production.

Oct 16 1990 6:30 Banquet at Crosswinds Conference Center, Hesston: Welcome by Vic Krehbiel. Devotions by Willard Unruh. Music by Omer & Rachel Rupp. Speaker Martin Goering on "History of Elyria." 200 persons served roast turkey..

Oct Fall Fest 1990: Freeman.

1990-1991 Officers: Pres Erwin C. Goering 92, V:PDavid D. Schrag 91, Sec Ruth Galle 91, Treas Delbert Goering 92. Trustees: Art J. Goering 92, Ralph Krehbiel 92, Raymond Juhnke 91, J.O. Schrag 91, Martin Stucky 93, Marlo Gehring 93. Scholarship: Ed R. Stucky, Oswald Goering, Richard Schrag. Nominating: Lloyd Goering, Geneva Kaufman, Willard Gehring. Bethel Fall Fest Com: Delbert & Mary Ann Preheim, Evelyn & Clinton Preheim, Arlan & Ellen Ortman. Research: James Juhnke, Dale Schrag, Gladys Goering.

Jan 4, 1991 Bd: Richard Gehring \$500 scholarship. Inman has a chapter of County-wide historical and will host in 1991 and Moundridge will host in 1992.

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.

Mar 27, 1991 Bd. Preservation of Swiss dialect: Art will talk to J.O. Schrag about the dictionary that was begun previously.

Oct 1, 1991 Banquet at Crosswind Conference Center, Hesston KS 6:30 p.m. Dialogue Art J. Goering, Ed Krehbiel, Erwin Goering. Dr. Norman Saul spoke on "The Kansas Miracle." Beef roast @ \$7.80, 120 served.

Oct 12-13 Fall Fest 1991: Pretty Prairie and Kingman in charge. 1:15-2:00.

1991-1992 Officers: Gordon Schrag pres 92; Levi Krehbiel VP 93, Sec Ruth Galle 93, Delbert Goering treas 92. Trustees: Art J. Goering (exec) 92, Ralph Krehbiel 92, Martin Stucky 93, Marlo Gehring 93, J.O. Schrag 94, Raymond Juhnke 94. Scholarship: Ed R. Stucky, Oswald Goering. Nominating Com: Lloyd Goering, Geneva Kaufman, Willard Gehring. Bethel Fall Fest Program: Martin & Ruby Stucky, Ralph & Leona Krehbiel, Harley & Ruby Stucky. Research: James Juhnke, Dale Schrag, Gladys Goering.

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.

Oct 8, 1992 Bd. Jim Juhnke will speak on "First American Voyage of Columbus" at joint Mac County Historical Societies Nov 6.

Oct 1992 Fall Fest. Vic & Eliz Goering, Roland & Ruby Kaufman, Elmer & Gladys Goering, Martha Stucky committee.

Nov 12, 1992 Banquet at Schultz Student Center, Bethel College 7:00 p.m. Quartet from Eden. "303 Years of Amish Mennonite Symbiosis" by Levi Miller. Beef stroganoff for \$8.00 each for 115, \$85 room use.

1992-1993 Officers: Gordon Schrag pres 94; Levi Krehbiel 93; Ruth Galle sec 93; Delbert Goering treas 94. Trustees: Martin Stucky 93, Marlo Gehring 93, J.O. Schrag (execd) 94; Raymond Juhnke 94, Ralph Krehbiel 95, Maynard Krehbiel 95. Scholarship: Ed R. Stucky, Oswald Goering. Nominating: Lloyd Goering, Geneva Kaufman, Willard Gehring. Bethel Fall Fest Program: Martin & Marjorie Stucky, Maynard & Marlene Krehbiel, Gordon & Annie Schrag. Research: James Juhnke, Dale Schrag, Gladys Goering.

Jan 21, 1993 Bd. J.O. Schrag would like to see research on where individual families settled after leaving the settlement.

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 Donovan 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.

July 16, 1993. Discussion about care of the marker and polishing brass.

Oct 1993: J.O. Schrag, Maryanne Preheim and Maynard Krehbiel.

Nov 12, 1993 Banquet at Schultz Student Center at Bethel College 7:00 p.m. Gordon K, Schrag devotions. Dr. James Juhnke spoke on "Life and Times of E.G. Kaufman." 82 meals @ \$6.00. Steak.

1993-1994 Officers: Pres Gordon Schrag 94, VP Levi Krehbiel 95, Treas Delbert Goering 94, Sec Evelyn Schrag 95. Trustees: Roland H. Kaufman 96, Maynard Krehbiel 95, Ralph Krehbiel 95, Ben J. Stucky 96, J.O. Schrag 94, Raymond Juhnke 94. Nominating: Lloyd Goering, Geneva Kaufman, Willard Gehring. Research: James Juhnke, Dale Schrag, Gladys Goering. Scholarship: Oswald Goering, Ed R. Stucky.

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."

Apr 12, 1994 Bd Bill Zerger sandblast the stone and caulk, estimate \$800-900.

May 24, 1994 Bd Brochures ordered from Imperial Graphics of Moundridge.

July 12, 1994 Bd discussed removing shrubs, putting wiring underground. J.O. Schrag suggested we think about putting up signs at the entrance of the complex to identify historic items you can observe at Hopefield location. Royce Vogt and Donovan Graber received scholarships. Roland Kaufman will check into the possibility of compiling a book of Reuben Goertz's stories he wrote during his life time.

Aug 9, 1994 Bd: Moved to disconnect lights.

Oct 25, 1994 Banquet 7:00 p.m. at Bethel College. Opening Waldo Waltner, Devotional: Rev. Loris Habegger. Quartet Sounds of Joy. Speaker: Ozzie Goering on "Search for Roots." Room rental \$85; prof \$15, food at 6.25 = \$975.

Oct 15 1994 Fall Festival: Levi Krehbiel will have a program. Elmer Schrag reading. Quartet.

1994-1995 Officers: Waldo Waltner Pres 96, Arnold Wedel VP 95, Sec Evelyn Miller 95, Treas Delbert Goering 96. Trustees: Ralph Krehbiel 95, Maynard Krehbiel 95, Roland Kaufman (exec) 96, Ben Stucky 96, J.O. Schrag 97, Myron Goering 97. Nominating: Lloyd Goering, Geneva Kaufman, Willard Gehring. Research: James Juhnke, Dale Schrag, Gladys Goering. Scholarship: Oswald Goering, Ed R. Stucky

1995 Scholarship available to churches: Hopefield, Eden, First of Christian, Pretty Prairie, Kingman, McPherson or of Swiss-Volhynian descent.

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.

Mar 6, 1995: Discussion about Krehbiel book. \$1950 required to finance half the cost of publishing 200 hardcover books.

May 2, 1995 Bd: McPherson County Tour beginning at the Cole House (west end of Moundridge), Pine Village, Christian Marker, Floyd/Dick Gehring Buffalo Farm, J.J. Strausz Collection, French Cemetery, etc. Freeman SD folks will trade times/years for Switzer Program at Fall Fest.

Aug 9, 1995 Bd: \$500 scholarship each to Neil Amstutz and Robert Kaufman. Fall Festival at Bethel: Jenny Schrag and her mother working on a play. Brent Galle seeded the area at the historical marker with Buffalo grass at the rate of \$225 with \$25 more for working the ground as needed before the grass is planted.

1995-1996 Officers: Waldo Waltner Pres 96, Arnold Wedel VP 97, Vera Thiesen Sec 97, Delbert Goering treas 96. Trustees: Roland Kaufman (exec) 96, Ben Stucky 96, J O. Schrag 97, Myron Goering 97, Florene Krehbiel 98, Maynard Krehbiel 98. Scholarship: Oswald Goering, Ed R. Stucky. Research: James Juhnke, Gladys Goering, Dale Schrag. Nominating: Lloyd Goering, Willard Gehring, Geneva Kaufman.

Jan 3, 1996 Bd: Discussed costs of lights for the marker. Scholarships increased from \$500-\$1,000.

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.

Apr 22, 1996 Bd: Ozzie reported planning another Volhynian Swiss Mennonite Ancestral Village tour in Sept 1997.

Sept 3, 1996 Bd: Membership fee \$15. Should a grave marker be provided for Buecher Beer's grave?

Oct 1996 Bethel Fall Fest program featuring Maynard Krehbiel as Buecher Beer. Ellis Goering, Esther Goering, Verna Kaufman Goering, Victor Goering, Neva Stucky Kaufman, Ed Krehbiel, Marjorie Goering Stucky, Waldo Voth participants.

Nov 7, 1996 Banquet, 6:30 at Pretty Prairie Mennonite Church. Devotions by Rev. Wahl. Ham meal. Mixed octette sang German songs. Richard Ratzlaff speaker on the history of Pretty Prairie.

1996-1997 Officers: Victor Goering Pres 98, Arnold Wedel VP 97, Marie Wedel Sec 97, Treas Delbert Goering 98. Trustees: Roland Kaufman (exec) 99, Ben J. Stucky 99, Florene Krehbiel 98, Maynard Krehbiel 98, John O. Schrag 97, Myron V. Goering 97. Scholarship: Oswald Goering, Ed R. Stucky. Research: James Juhnke, Gladys Goering, Dale Schrag. Nominating Committee: Lloyd Goering, Willard Gehring, Geneva Kaufman.

Jan 1997 note of membership income above Banquet Expense: 1992 111 members, \$682 profit, Levi Miller program. 1993 86 members, \$759 profit, Jim Juhnke speaker. 1994 171 members, \$1960 profit, Ozzie Goering speaker. 1995 165 members, \$1664 profit, Orpha Schrag speaker. 1996 131 members, \$1612 profit; Richard Ratzlaff. In 1996, 20 couples or individuals gave \$357 above minimum.

Jan 6, 1997 Bd: Discussed having SMCHA install light fixtures, timer, insurance and whatever is needed in order to control what is happening on our property and Hopefield pay BPU bills, replace bulbs and make seasonal timer adjustments.

Feb 4 1997 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.

Feb 2, 1997 Annual Meeting. Welcome Victor Goering. Meditation Loris Habegger. Budget \$2695.

Feb 1997. Agreement signed by Vic Goering for SMCHA and Victor Stucky for Hopefield concerning the installation, operation, and maintenance of the lights on the SMCHA historical marker. SMCHA installs lights and is responsible for insurance on the property including lights. Hopefield pays BPU bills, sets the timer, replaces bulbs, and general maintenance. Agreement will be reviewed after five years.

Mar 10, 1997 Bd: Roster of names of those buried at Hopefield should also include the names of those buried at Peabody. The Historical Library at Bethel would preserve records, videos, etc. for SMCHA.

Dec 10, 1997 Bd: Board decided that a Directory Building be connected with the 125th anniversary celebration. Discussed proposed bylaw change regarding the VP serving one two-year term and then advancing to president for a 2-yr term. No decision.

Board 1997-1998: Pres Victor Goering, VP Arnold Wedel, Sec Marie Wedel 1999, Treas Delbert Goering 1998. Trustees: Roland Kaufman (exec) 1999, Ben J. Stucky 1999, Florene Krehbiel 1998, Maynard Krehbiel 1998, Harold W. Schrag 2000, Myron V. Goering 2000. Scholarship: Oswald Goering, Ed R. Stucky. Research: James Juhnke, Gladys Goering, Dale R. Schrag; Nominating: Willard Gehring, Alfred Stucky, Lloyd Goering.

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. 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.

1998 board: Elmer Schrag 2000, Arnold Wedel 1999, Delbert Goering treas 2000, Marie Wedel sec 1999, Trustees: Roland Kaufman 1999, Maynard Krehbiel 2001, Ben J. Stucky 1999, Harold Schrag 2000, Myron Goering 2000, John J. Krehbiel 2001.

Sept 2, 1998 Bd: Ben Friesen from Hopefield urged SMCHA to make a decision about the cemetery. Board moved to adopt the recommendation from Hopefield: "We recommend that we deed the cemetery land to the Swiss Historical Society (from the east hedge row – 450 west and from the north county road boundary 160 feet south approximately). This is approximately 1.65 acres. With the following stipulations: a. That all present and future Hopefield Mennonite Church members be permitted to be buried in the cemetery at no cost. B. That as long as the Hopefield Mennonite Church is able we will maintain the cemetery's lawn. C. That the present \$10,000 in our cemetery fund be transferred to the Swiss Historical Society to be invested and the principal be maintained but the interest be used for the repair and maintenance of the cemetery." This recommendation was passed by the Hopefield congregation and unanimously by the Swiss Historical Committee.

Sept 29, 1998 Bd: Delbert reported receipt of Hopefield cemetery deed and a check for the endowment fund in the amount of \$10,159.75. Doris Stucky contributed \$545 to that fund as a memorial to Melvin Stucky. Marker maintenance was discussed. White rock added to area around the marker motion.

Nov 5, 1998 banquet at Bethel College Student Center, 7:30. A \$15 membership includes admission to the banquet. Program: panel will recall tales of growing up Schweitzer.

Nov 17, 1998 125th anniversary task force: Gladys Goering gave some input on lyrics for the Steven Stucky musical, Video committee report. Museum possibilities was discussed.

Dec 8, 1998 Bd: Concern expressed to get young people involved. Perhaps reduce price of banquet. Cemetery deed reviewed. Noted discrepancy in the description in the deed and the description given by Hopefield proposal. Should a surveyor be consulted? Decided to charge \$200 for burial rights to the cemetery for non-members of Hopefield. '43 marker needs attention.

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.

1998-1999 Board: Elmer Schrag 2000, Arnold Wedel vp 1999, Marie Wedel 1999, Delbert Goering treas 2000. Trustees: Roland Kaufman (exec) 1999, Ben J. Stucky, 1999, John Krehbiel 2001, Maynard Krehbiel 2001, Harold Schrag 2000, Myron V. Goering 2000. Scholarship: Oswald Goering, Ed R. Stucky; Research: James Juhnke, Gladys Goering, Dale R. Schrag. Nominating: Victor Stucky, Victor Goering.

Mar 1, 1999 Bd: Hopefield representatives Greg Schrag, Kelvin Neufeldt, Donovan Neufeldt joined the meeting to discuss the cemetery. A discrepancy in the description in the deed and the description given by Hopefield. Decided to measure with a measuring wheel. Hopefield will mow and spray the cemetery for weeds. SMCHA will provide money for spraying. Larry Stucky will be contacted to see if he would be the contact persons for burials until a directory building is put up. Hopefield Church reserved for 125th celebration.

April 5, 1999 Bd: Maynard will contact Hopefield about burning the brush piles. Discussed plans for 125th celebration. Suggested to have recreational activities for young people. Maynard willing to give horse and wagon rides. SMCHA decided to not get involved with reprinting The European History of the Swiss Mennonites from Volhynia by Martin H. Schrag.

May 3, 1999 Bd: Arnold reported to Donovan Neufeldt that SMCHA is willing to give Hopefield 100 copies of The Challenging Faith. Decided to have Harley J. Stucky’s Swiss Mennonite Memorial Monument available at the 125th celebration.

June 17, 1999: Motion that “Von Russland Auf America” or a similar historical play be given at Fall Fest. Alice Schrag, Marjorie Stucky, Marjean Stucky, Nadine Wedel committee.

July 14, 1999 Bd: Trustees decided to meet at 1943 marker to cut down some cedar trees. Harold will order rock for the drive. Idea of a web site. Delbert received bill from Hopefield for \$500 for mowing in 1997 and \$500 for mowing in 1998. Weldon Goering said he had donated his machine and his labor. If we pay anything, it should go to Weldon. No further action. Harold in charge of music at banquet.

Aug 2, 1999 Bd: Discussed arrangements for 125th celebration.

Saturday, Aug 14, 1999 Prairie People World People: A Celebration of 125 years of Swiss (Volhynian) Mennonites in the United States, at Moundridge KS. Mass choir, tour of cemetery, Panel discussion of Delbert Goering, Marlene Krehbiel, Alice Suderman, Rynall Schrag, James W. Krehbiel, Harley J. Stucky, Leann Goews, Jim Juhnke, Robert E. Krehbiel, Dale R. Schrag. Meal at Eden, meeting at 7:30 at Eden. 125th Anniversary Task Force: Elmer Schrag, Arnold Wedel, Delbert Goering, Jake Goering, Rick Krehbiel, Kirsten Zerger, Leann Toews, Mervin Schrag. Total expenditures: \$10,502.67. Total income: \$14,462.50.

Oct 18, 1999 Bd: Delbert Goering read apology letter from Pastor Ron Sirkel from Hopefield for sending us mowing bills for the past two years when someone from Hopefield had donated the work. Thanked Maynard for organizing horse and wagon activities; \$832 offering Saturday evening. Arnold took 100 books of The Challenging Faith to Hopefield. Glenn notified surrounding moriticians about \$200 burial fee at Hopefield for non-members.

Oct 26, 6:30 Fall Banquet at Pretty Prairie Mennonite Church. \$15 membership includes admission to the banquet. Ralph Lehman speaker. "Swiss Volhynians, their Amish roots and Hutterite Connection." Jeanette Wedel's quartet will provide music. Planning committee was Elmer Schrag, Harold Schrag, Glenn Stucky and Vernell Kaufman.,

Nov 1, 1999 Bd: Larry Stucky has a record of burials. Earlier burials are listed in a book.

Nov 13, 2000 Maynard and Marlene Krehbiel gave the program at Fall Fest. Scholarship: Ed R. Stucky 1 yr, Oswald Goering 2 yr, Alice Suderman 3 yr. Research: Dale R. Schrag 1 yr, James Juhnke 2 yr, Rick Krehbiel 3 yr; Nominating: Milton Goering 1 yr, Victor Stucky 2 yr, Evelyn Lehman 3 yr.

Oct 2 2000 Banquet Oct 26 at First Mennonite, McPherson, Marion Bontrager speaker. Meal catered by Porky's. Ladies of the church cakes. Garber Surveying surveyed cemetery. Delbert sent out letter regarding cemetery building need for funds and included an individual heritage chart. Suggest contact persons in First Mennonite of Christian, Pretty Prairie, McPherson, Hutchinson, Burns, Hopefield, West Zion, Kingman, Bethel College, Eden, Lorraine Ave., Menno and Freeman SD churches. And they will post SMCHA minutes on their church bulletin board.

Oct 7, 2000 Bethel College Schweitzer Program at Fall Fest: Don Kaufman, Helen Goering, Lowell Goering monolog, Marjorie Stucky and Neva Kaufman, Martin H. Goering, Delbert Goering, Nadine Wedel, Sharon Durst and Evelyn Goering skit, quartet of Bob Krehbiel, Maynard Krehbiel, Delmer Kaufman, Homer Goering, skit by Nadine Wedel and Harold Schrag and Marlene Krehbiel Gedicht.

Oct 26, 2000 Fall banquet. Baked steak. Quartet Maynard Krehbiel, Homer Goering, Del Kaufman, Bob Krehbiel. Marion talked about the Old Order Amish. \$15 membership fee includes admission to the banquet.

Jan 10, 2000 Bd: Weldon Goering given \$50 gift certificate for mowing at Hopefield. Putting up a museum is out of the question but suggestion was to find a small corner for a Swiss Mennonite display in Kauffman Museum or a SHARE IN THE Moundridge Museum if and when it is ever built. Arnold suggested putting up a marker in North Newton honoring Waldo Wedel. Rachel Pannebacker talked about web site and videos.

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. Serving 1999-2000 year: Elmer Schrag pres 2000, Arnold Wedel VP 2001, Vernell Kaufman 2001, Delbert Goering Treas 2000. Trustees: Harold Schrag (exec) 2000, Ben J. Stucky 2002, John Krehbiel 2001, Maynard Krehbiel 2001, Myron V. Goering 2000, Glenn Stucky 2002. Scholarship: Oswald Goering, Ed R. Stucky, Research: James Juhnke, Gladys Goering, Dale Schrag. Nominating: Victor Stucky, Milton Goering.

Feb 14, 2000 Bd: Arnold reported that he got a letter from the Historic Preservation Association concerning the P.J. Wedel house. Arnold will apply to have the P.J. Wedel house put on the Register of Historic Places. Recommended that Lynn Elwood receive \$500 scholarship. Announcement about video tapes of 125th put in bulletins. \$15 cost.

March 6, 2000 Bd: Stan Regier asked to draw up plans for cemetery building. \$5,000 put in money market account at Moundridge Credit Union to try to grow the money that we currently have. 43 copies of the 125th celebration video tape ordered.

April 4, 2000 Bd: Stanley Regier gave report on cemetery building plans. Rick Krehbiel replaced Gladys Goering on Scholarship.

May 15, 2000 Bd: Stanley Regier showed blueprint of proposed cemetery building.

July 24, 2000 Bd: Discussed web page. Motion that three people serve on scholarship, research and nominating committees for a three-year term on rotating basis. Appointed by board, not to exceed one additional term. Fundraising for cemetery building was discussed. Delbert applied for Nyle H. Miller Local Historical Organization Award with information about 125th anniversary. Delbert wrote tribute to Elmer Schrag, past president of SMCHA.

Sept 6, 2000 BD: Announcement was put into church bulletins about scholarships. Discussed half-price for new members.

Documented by Kathy Goering 11/13/2010