

## Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association TIME LINE 1999-2018

### 1999

- 1999 Decision to develop website. Tech work by Dwight Claassen. Webmaster Eugene Waltner free.

### 2000

- 2000 Budget \$2745
- Nov 18, 2000: Letter to contact people from secretary.
- **Banquet 2000** at First Mennonite Church of McPherson.
- Scholarship letter listed scholarship available to members of Hopefield, Eden, First Church of Christian Mennonite, Pretty Prairie, Kingman, McPherson.

### 2001

- 2001 Arnold Wedel (VP) takes over as president for Elmer Schrag who died 4-28-2000.
- **Annual meeting Feb 4, 2001**, 2:30 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.
- March 8, 2001 First Mennonite of Christian gave permission to deed to SMCHA their 1/3 interest in the 1943 marker property.
- May 3, 2001: Oak tree to be planted at Hopefield cemetery. Only 24 donors to cemetery building. Letter to be sent to churches asking for funds for cemetery project (estimate needed \$12,000).
- Sept 6, 2001 board minutes. Announced that Hopefield gave permission to deed to SMCHA their 1/3 interest in the "1943" marker property. Letter from Kent Niehage from Hopefield concerning expansion of Hopefield – groundbreaking in Sept. Discussion about problem of then not being able to be on Historical Registry. Discussed if Hopefield would be willing to build and sell this building. Hopefield owns 60 acres. Decided to not stand in the way of a growing church. Jim Ostlund scholarship \$125 first semester and \$125 2<sup>nd</sup> semester if he qualifies. \$50 was sent to Hopefield for the use of electricity during the work on the cemetery building.
- Oct 4, 2001 board minutes: Eden has given permission to deed to SMCHA their 1/3 interest in the "1943 marker property. Board moved to accept the transfer. At the same meeting board discussed having an ad hoc committee to explore the possibilities of acquiring and maintaining the Hopefield Mennonite Church building. Cemetery Directory Building almost finished.

- **Banquet Oct 29, 2001** at Eden Mennonite. William Keel – “Kannst du Deitsch Schmetze?” – German dialects of Kansas. Ticket \$10, nonmember \$20. Doug & Jude Krehbiel music. Meal served by Eden Dorcas Society. About 150 attended.
- Nov 8, 2001 Bd: Directory display committee: Larry Stucky, Martha Graber, Arnold Wedel, James W. Krehbiel, Mervin Schrag. Peter J.P. Schrag gave seed money for cemetery building. Cost of cemetery building was \$9916.38. 92 donors gave \$10,987.55.
- Nov 14, 2001: *Warranty deed signed* by three churches (Eden, Hopefield, First Mennonite of Christian)

## 2002

- *2002 Web site developed.*
- Jan 3, 2002: Board meeting. Vic Goering and Arnold Wedel visited the Peabody area to try to find information about our people who died and were buried there while living temporarily in Peabody. Donna Neufeld consented to be Schweitzer Salt newsletter editor. First Mennonite Church of Christian is planning 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Feb 1, 2002: Board meeting. Maynard Krehbiel was to contact Lee Mondrow from Lincoln, KS about Catlin graves near Peabody.
- **Annual meeting Feb 3, 2002**, 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.”
- March 14, 2002 Bd: Discussed how to mark the graves in the cemetery. Webmaster resigned; decided to continue with web.
- Spring 2002 Schweitzer Salt sent out.
- May 2, 2002: 30 stone posts @ \$50 each. Information from James W. Krehbiel’s book will be used to list people likely buried who probably were buried at Hopefield and other places. 1500 copies of Schweitzer Salt newsletter sent (150 sent by mail) by Donna Neufeld and Neva Belle Adamson. Dennis Quiring hired as webmaster @ \$12/month plus \$40/hour. Discussed charging \$250/cemetery plot and \$200 for members. Scholarship notices had ten churches now listed “or of Swiss Volhynian descent.”
- June 6, 2002: Don Schrag to be legal counsel. LaDeen Frey will serve on Bylaws committee. Galen Waltner to do brick work around the monument to repair cracks. Betty Hartzler added to Web Committee. J.O. Schrag considering making a CD of “Unsere Leite” which could be sold at Fall Fest. Changed banquet time from fall to spring. Discussed adding “Volhynia” to name.
- Sept 5, 2002: 385 graves need work said Von Peterson. Jim Ostlund and Joe Sawatzky and Ruth Harder scholarships.
- Oct 9, 2002 Bd: Fall Fest program discussed. Restoration of graves money needed announcement to be made at Fall Fest.
- **Banquet Oct 31, 2002**: at Eden Mennonite Church. Address by James Krehbiel “Pioneer Days in Dakota and Kansas: A Difference”. Comments about Andrew Schrag and picture/artifacts table set to honor him. Noted death of Dale Stucky. Toastmaster Ben Stucky. Special music: Alice and John Suderman, LaVera Schrag, Myron Voran. \$10 members, \$20 nonmembers on ticket. Meal served by Mary Martha Society: German sausage.

- Nov. 14, 2002 Bd: Rich Preheim's proposal should be discussed.

## 2003

- Jan 9, 2003 – Hopefield will write an agreement deeding SMCHA 2.98 acres extending the south boundary 12' and east boundary 30' to the hedge. Hopefield has been paying for marker maintenance. Hopefield payment increased to \$1500 to mow. Now SMCHA pays for lighting and light bulbs. Announcement will be sent that anyone who has paid \$10 or more during the 2002-2003 fiscal year ending January 31, 2003, as well as interested non-members may attend the annual meeting on Feb 2, 2003 at Hopefield.
- **Annual meeting Feb 2, 2003**, 2:30 -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.
- March 25, 2003 board minutes: (Volhynian) will be used in Schweitzer Salt but SMCHA name not legally changed to include that. Stone posts installed at end of each cemetery row A-Z. Talk of 10-yr membership; no decision. Deed for cemetery finalized and fee paid on 2-12-2003 for 2.98 acres total. Maynard Krehbiel (exec trustee) will do monthly checking on all three land parcels. Scott Waltner said due to age of shrubs they should be removed. Vaughn Juhnke did tuckpointing at monument. Schweitzer Salt sent to church mailboxes in Feb. Suggestion for Only Schweitzer Spoken Here beginning.
- Apr 29, 2003 fees went up to \$15 or \$100 for ten years. Vic Goering, Wayne Stucky, Neva Kaufman and LaVera Schrag will manage Fall Fest program. Ben Stucky will be representative to McPherson Co. Historical Society. Workday at Hopefield planned May 10.
- May 18, 2003 Hopefield Cemetery letter regarding directory building.
- June 3, 2003 *Dedication of the Hopefield Cemetery Directory*. Gary L. Stucky chairperson. Ed R. Stucky devotions. Group singing led by LaVera Schrag. Trumpet solo by Harry Crabb. Dedicatory prayer by Gary L. Stucky.
- **Banquet June 3, 2003**: Joe C. (Dickie Joe) Goering featured family by Margie Dyck. Wayne Goering toastmaster. Jerry Stahly speaker on Mennonites/Amish identity – "Mennonites and Amish Identities among the Swiss Volhynians in Europe" at Memorial Home Wellness Center. 153 attended. Music: Connie Graber, Lou Fensky, Diane Knight with Judy Goering acc. Cost \$20 included \$10 membership. Vern Demel catering – pork roast.
- July 10, 2003 Board minutes: Vaughn Juhnke repaired marker patching holes; more needed. "Only Schweitzer Spoken Here" in August 8, 2003.

- August 16, 2003: “Future of SMCHA Discussion” at Breadbasket in Newton. Attending were Roger Juhnke, Jim Juhnke, Dale E. Schrag, Don Schrag, Ozzie Goering, T. James Goering, and Arnold Wedel. Out of the discussion were the following suggestions to consider:
  - A video be made describing and defining the Schweitzer Mennonites.
  - A museum be established.
  - A “think tank” be formed to discuss options.
 Some suggestions from SMCHA board members were:
  - A bus tour be developed of original farmsteads, churches, and other sites.
  - A farm created from an existing farmstead for purposes of touring.
  - A map and timeline be made of all original Schweitzer homesteads.
  - An activity with horses, tying it in with some of the other activities suggested.
  - A demonstration of “butchering day.”
  - Experiencing other traditions that were common among the Schweitzers.
  - A tour of Dale E. Schrag’s home place.
- *Fall 2003 Schweitzer Salt* newsletter sent.
- Sept 11, 2003 Bd: Arlen Ortman will come for Fall Fest.
- Oct 2003 Membership letter sent asking for funds to repair marker and restore graves.
- 2003 175 members
- Oct 2003: Fall Fest program attended by 60-70. Pretty Prairie in charge next year.
- Nov 6, 2003 Bd: Maynard Krehbiel suggested SMCHA Farm Days on March 20, 2004 with plowing bees and ethnic foods served. He will have 16 teams of horses on Nov 15 so photos could be taken. Also suggested was formation of a Swiss museum and a committee including some Moundridge Historical Association members. Start with an exhibit at Kaufman Museum.
- Nov 7, 2003 *Only Schweitzer Spoken Here*. Maynard Krehbiel will discuss the use of horses on the farm. 100 attended.
- *Winter 2003 Schweitzer Salt* newsletter sent.

## 2004

- Jan 8, 2004 – Board discussed farm days at Maynard Krehbiels.
- **Annual meeting Feb 1, 2004** 2:30 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.”
- Feb 6, 2004. “*Only Schweitzer Spoken Here*.” Variety show. Approx 60 attended.
- Feb 16, 2004. Executive Committee responded to comments at annual meeting regarding proxies, grave restoration, membership questions, distributing copies of the bylaws.
- Feb 26, 2004 Bd: Reviewed the bylaws.
- Mar 25, 2004 – Board discussed Swiss Volhynian tour with John Ruth, Jim Juhnke and Wilmer Martin on Sept 15-19, 2004.
- May 6, 2004 – Board – Schweitzer Museum Committee (Jerome Waltner, Alice Suderman, Maynard Krehbiel, Sue Hetzke, Susan Koehn, Ozzie Goering) was on the agenda but not mentioned in the minutes. Hopefield responsible for lights and upkeep for first 5 years and then SMCHA. New timer installed. Schweitzer Salt newsletter sent. Bylaws under revision. Workday needed at marker. Visioning discussed.

- May 7, 2004 “*Only Schweitzer Spoken Here*”
- **Banquet June 7, 2004**: at Bethel College: Speaker Dr. John Ruth – “Under the Cross...Like a Rose Among Thorns”. Annie Sieber welcome. 155 attended.
- July 16, 2004 letter from Scholarship Committee: Scholarships to Jim Ostlund \$250 & Roger Juhnke \$125.
- August 6, 2004 “*Only Schweitzer Spoken Here*” Skits, music, poetry.
- Sept 16, 2004 Bd: Bylaws on web. Galen Stucky promised Elder Jacob Stucky trunks to Kaufman Museum.
- Oct 9, 2004: *Fall Fest*. Levi Krehbiel, Clemon Kaufman, Maynard Krehbiel, Toby Goering, Jacob Goering, video, singing
- Nov 4, 2004 Bd: Death of Victor Stucky noted. Stucky Electric repaired the lighting at the marker. Plan to spray bindweed. Brian Stucky is doing a presentation of the 100 yr of Alta Mill. Arnold Wedel sent renewal reminders post cards. Jim Goering discussed the possibility of an exhibit at Kaufman Museum and/or make a powerpoint presentation to tell our story and possibly have Kirsten Zerger write it. Robert Krehbiel has suggested a 10-15 minute video on “Who Are the Schweitzers.” 180 members in 2004.
- Nov 5, 2004 “*Only Schweitzer Spoken Here*” Ben Stucky, Ed R. Stucky, Lowell Goering and Delbert Goering in charge.
- Nov. 24, 2004 – Easement for Moundridge Telephone Co. document

## 2005

- Feb 3, 2005 – Minutes note death of Gary Stucky. Aztec Lane is part of SMCHA property according to McPherson Co. Register of Deeds. Six stories from Jeff Koller’s Eden Peace Witness are on website. Should a committee be formed to gather Schweitzer artifacts for a museum?
- Feb 4, 2005 “*Only Schweitzer Spoken Here*” Sharing of life stories of growing up on the farm
- March 12, 2005. Executive Committee to consider the 2005 budget, approved \$6,130.
- **Annual Meeting March 13, 2005** 2:30 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 24, 2005 Bd: Wayne Stucky selected exec trustee. The \$10,000 Cemetery Endowment fund given by Hopefield Church was discussed. Rachel Pannebecker reported there are many Schweitzer artifacts at the Kaufman Museum.
- **Banquet 2005: Thursday, May 19**, 6:30 at Bethel College. Kirsten Zerger “Our Swiss Mennonite Heritage: Cheese-Makers and Wheat Growers, Peace-Builders and People of Courage—Becoming Relevant and Useful in the Coming World.”
- May 23, 2005 Bd: Mound Township will do the work to install the culvert if SMCHA buys the culvert at the cemetery. Suggested that Only Schweitzer Spoken Here group hold their meeting at Fall Fest. Five individuals worked to clean up branches at the cemetery from the ice storm.
- June 6, 2005 Executive Board: Book signing event was approved. Only Schweitzer Spoken Here group encouraged to handle Fall Fest programs.

- Aug 29, 2005 Bd: Approved Scholarships for Alan Stucky \$500, Kathrine Goering \$250, Libby Schrag \$250. Citizens Bank gave \$5,000 matching grant gift for a major fund drive, information from Chet Roberts. Potential contributors will be contacted. Kirsten Zerger was sent \$50 honorarium.
- Sept 25, 2005 – Draft of Memo of Understanding with Renovator. Cemetery Fund at Citizens is \$15,300. Motion that only interest be used.
- Sept 26, 2005 – Board Executive & Citizens Bank personnel discuss renovation plans.
- Oct 2005 Fall Fest – Arlen Ortman from South Dakota was contacted by Fern Goering.
- Oct 22, 2005, 5:45 at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson. Book signing, *The Childrens' Blizzard* by David Laskin. 71 present.
- Nov 14, 2005 – Board meeting. 140-150 2005 members. Check for \$5,000 presented by Ken Goering from Citizens Bank to match the \$5,000 plus raised. SMCHA received \$15,000 in pledges. Fund Raising report by Ozzie Goering: \$16,460 raised including pledges. A committee of six will continue this work with Ozzie's list of potential candidates. Checked into putting trees around the cemetery. Johann Goering (Delbert's Dad) possible purchase of home.

## 2006

- Feb 8, 2006 Bd: Ozzie Goering reported raising \$23,098 for the Cemetery Fund Drive. A suggestion was made to prepare plaques for Dale Stucky and Harley Stucky for their part in the cemetery and monument renovation. The Johann Goering building is likely not movable in its present state. Frank Stucky reserved 4 lots in the Hopefield cemetery. Jim Goering resigned from Web Committee. Lowell Goering resigned from the board.
- **Annual Meeting March 18, 2006** 2:30 at Hopefield. Total cost of operating the web site this year were \$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."
- Apr 29, 2006 Bd: Vaughn Juhnke estimated \$5,800 to restore monument; no decision.
- May 23, 2006 Bd: Maynard will be on Nominating Comm. Jim Goering will be on exec. Comm. Don Kaufman is in charge of Fall Fest with the help of Only Schweitzer Spoken Here planners. Jim Goering will work with Frank Stucky on the trees to be planted on the perimeter of the cemetery. Maynard Krehbiel, Wayne Stucky, and Arnold Wedel looked at old buildings at the Land King Farm to see about moving and restoring them.
- Sept 12, 2006 Bd: Tree planting should go from south border all the way to the east hedge boundary, maybe red oaks, spruces, and pines, low maintenance and approved by the Kansas Forestry Department as hardy in Kansas. Planting suggested would be on the south side of the cemetery eastward to the last row of tombstones and at least halfway across the west side of the cemetery. The four side stones at the monument need to be straightened and the cracks in the flat work around the monument need to be fixed and the bronze plaques need to be cleaned up.
- Oct 3 memo: Harley Stucky pledged \$2,000 for the planting of trees around the periphery of Hopefield Cemetery.
- Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006 "Only Schweitzer Spoken Here" at Bethel College Fall Fest. Approx 100 people attended.

- Oct 11, 2006 e-mail: Plans for plantings: no new on north or east. Eastern edge planted to grass. Southern half of western edge be planted. Some trees be planted in gaps along the south. Other specifics.
- **Banquet Monday, October 16, 2006** at First Mennonite Church of Hutchinson, 6:30 p.m. Speaker James W. Krehbiel “The Story of the Schweitzers Who Stayed Behind (Ukraine) in 1874.” Dinner tickets \$15.
- Nov 16, 2006 Bd: Stone Creek Nursery be engaged to plant trees. Jim Goering suggested that board meetings be held at Hopefield. Details of plantings given.

## 2007

- Feb 18, 2007 e-mail regarding details of cemetery tree plantings.
- Feb 8, 2007 Bd: A competitive bidding process will be used regarding tree plantings. Donna Neufeld created a job description for a new editor of Schweitzer Salt. Delbert Goering reported that the Moundridge Historical Association has a goal for 2007 of jointly establishing a museum in Moundridge. The discussion raised the question of duplicating what we already have with the Kaufman museum in Newton.
- Feb 16, 2007 *Only Schweitzer Spoken Here*, 2:00 at Memorial Home Wellness Center. Participants were Verna Goering, Fern Goering, Lowell Goering, Delmar Voran, Delbert Goering, Martin Goering Evelyn Schrag, Norvin Schrag. 108 attended. Committee is Richard Stucky, Norvin Schrag, Lynn Kaufman and Don Kaufman.
- Mar 3, 2007 e-mail stating the Stucky family raised their contribution from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for the trees.
- **Annual Meeting Sunday, Mar 11, 2007** 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.
- Thurs, Apr 19, 2007 Bd: Kip Wedel named exec trustee. Don Kaufman will talk with Scott Waltner about cemetery mowing and maintenance. Don Esch is in the process of working on the perimeter plantings.
- May 25, 2007 *Only Schweitzer Spoken Here* at Memorial Home Wellness Center.
- Thurs, Sept 6, 2007 Bd: *Only Schweitzer Spoken Here* at Bethel College Fall Fest. Ellen Kling appointed to Scholarship and Clemon Kaufman to Nominating. Martin Schrag’s book *The European History of the Swiss Mennonites from Volhynia* will be sold for \$12.50 with 55% being returned to SMCHA. Copies may be sold at Kauffman Museum Gift Shop as well. Eugene Goering paid for watering expenses at the cemetery.
- **Banquet Sat, Oct 13, 2007** 5:30 Speaker Virgil W. Dean of Kansas State Historical Society on “Governor Walter A. Huxman—Leading by Example.” Dinner cost \$15 members and \$20 nonmembers. Jerry Moran was invited but could not attend.
- Nov 14, 2007 Bd: Von Peterson finished with cemetery renovation. Trees have been watered 8 times. Arnold suggested we sell bricks to be placed around the marker at Hopefield church at a price of \$300/brick. Need to explore SMCHA obligations with Hopefield Church in light of the church’s withdrawal from the Mennonite conference. Don Schrag was asked to look into this. Mowing agreement needs to be clarified. Trustees should check on the cemetery regularly.

## 2008

- Feb 7, 2008 Bd: Planning for annual meeting.
- Feb 26, 2008 Executive Bd meeting to discuss budget, bricks, and Hopefield Church
- **Annual Meeting March 8, 2008**, 2:30 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.
- Apr 24, 2008 Bd minutes missing.
- Aug 7, 2008 Bd: Three trees died. Plans for Gary Waltner from Weierhof Germany to be speaker at Banquet scheduled Oct 16 at Eden. No Only Schweitzer Spoken Here program will be given at Bethel College Fall Fest this year because another event is planned.
- **Banquet Thurs, Nov 6, 2008**, 6:00 Banquet: Speaker S. Roy Kauffman, pastor of Salem Mennonite Church of Freeman SD, "From Swiss Volhynian Amish to South Dakota Mennonite: an Unexpected Transformation?". Music Jon Schrag. Tickets \$15. Alice Suderman toastmistress. Roast beef. 131 attended.
- Nov 13, 2008 Bd: A potential gift of \$10,000 for a Scholarship Endowment from Ozzie Goering's family was announced. Arnold suggested a solicitation letter be sent in December to encourage new and renewed memberships and information on the brick project included.

## 2009

- Feb 12, 2009 Bd: Need to get e-mails for members.
- **Annual Meeting March 8, 2009** 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.
- Thurs, Apr 16, 2009 Bd: Don Kaufman exec trustee. Daryl Schrag seeded brome on property. Discussed Catlin cemetery and buried people without markers. Bricks mailing 1250 letters. Little followup.
- *May 1, 2009 Only Schweitzer Spoken Here*
- Thurs Aug 20, 2009 4:00, 2009 Bd: Plans for banquet. Suggested Pretty Prairie anniversary program for annual meeting. Wayne Goering will serve on Research. Scholarship \$250 to Phil Waite, pastor of First Mennonite of Christian.
- *Sept 4, 2009 Only Schweitzer Spoken Here.* (This program not at Fall Fest this year.)
- **Banquet Thurs, Sept 17, 2009** 6:00 p.m. Banquet at Eden Mennonite. Speaker Norman Hofer from South Dakota, "Ich Bin a Schweizer." On overlap of Hutterites and Swiss Mennonites.



Roast beef dinner prepared by Eden Women's organization. Music: Jon Schrag. Toastmistress Kathy Goering. Attendance 164. Tickets \$15.

- Thurs Nov. 12, 2009 Bd: Goshen College will be host for SMCHA website at Mennonite.net and Dennis Quiring continues as webmaster. Phil Stucky(widower) requested burial lot; six widows still want a lot reserved. Arnold Wedel and Maynard Krehbiel talked with Catlin Cemetery trustee Chuck Good. Should a marker be added in the Catlin Cemetery listing names of those who are buried there? Only 3-4 people have expressed interest in bricks. Raising annual fees was discussed; no action. Trying to get e-mail addresses.

## 2010

- *January 2010 Only Schweitzer Spoken Here*
- Feb 4, 2010 Bd: Brian Stucky gave information about his exploring where graves are located at Catlin and Hopefield. People will be encouraged to give to endowments. Charles Schrag from South Dakota is new editor of Schweitzer Salt.
- **Annual Meeting Sunday, March 14, 2010** 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).
- Thurs, Apr 8, 2010 Bd: 129 members have paid 2010 dues. Kathy Goering and Alice Suderman help Charles Schrag get Schweitzer Salt out with the help of people in the churches who distributed in mailboxes. Bruce Stucky making arrangements for spraying of trees at Hopefield by Brochamwood. \$45 sent to Eden Mary Martha Circle for their work at Annual Meeting. LaVern encouraged board members to envision the future. Suggested we have ethnic food at banquet. Discussed having "Volhynia" in title. Maynard Krehbiel will be liaison to McPherson County Historical Society.
- *June, 2010 Only Schweitzer Spoken Here* at Memorial Home Wellness Center.
- July 8, 2010 Bd: Suggestions for future projects: collecting and sharing information about historical events, how the marker was erected, deeding of Hopefield cemetery to SMCHA, who the Schweitzers are and where they are now, where the original homesteads were located, who died between Ukraine and the beginning of the Hopefield cemetery, origination of the supporting churches, developing a list of resources, Catlin Cemetery, storing of Schweitzer history materials. Research Committee can consider these. Duties of Trustees include cemetery upkeep, assistance with distribution of Schweitzer Salt newsletter, liaison from church to board, participation in decisions of the board. Delbert Goering family gave \$5,000 to SMCHA Endowment. Discussed banquet. Scholarship to Sarah Pohl from First Mennonite of Christian. Discussed Hopefield burial policy; needs clarification. Mary Beebe buried recently by her husband.
- *Aug 2010 "Schweitzer Salt"* newsletter edited and sent to members by Kathy Goering, Charles Schrag.

- **Annual Banquet Thurs, Sept 23, 2010** 6:00 p.m. Banquet at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton KS. Speaker Brian D. Stucky “Filling in the Gaps of Swiss History”. Invocation Pastor Ruth Harder from Bethel College Church. Music: Janet Ediger and Jim Yoder, Karen Loucks, acc. Evelyn Lehman read about “The Wedding Dress.” Catered by Bread Basket (verenike w/gravy, sauerkraut, ham, sausage, fried potatoes, zweibach w/apple butter, bohne berrogi. Served by Mission Circle, Faith Mennonite Church. Welcome: LaVern Stucky.

## 2011

- Feb 10, 2011 – Citizens Bank. Proposed budget total \$4,790. Will send membership postcard. (sent Feb 28). Scholarship committee: Alice Suderman, Roger Juhnke, Clark Graber.
- **Annual Meeting March 20, 2011, 2:30.** Eden. Election results: Val Krebbiel (VP), Kathy Goering (sec), Gerry Schrag and Keith Albrecht (trustees). Sandwiches, pluma moos, cherry moos, poppyseed cake. Rosemary Fisher program – Exploring Moundridge through photographs. Gail Graber invocation. LaVera Schrag singalong. Research Committee working on locating original homesteads. Becky Pohl received \$250 from Scholarships for VS assignment. Budget approved: \$4,790. 84 attended. Decided to send Eden women \$100 over expenses for serving Annual meeting. Honorarium \$50 to Moundridge Historical Association for Rosemary’s presentation.
- March 24, 2011 – Bd at Citizens Bank. Scott Waltner guest, spoke of relationship with Hopefield. Discussion about cooperating with Moundridge Historical Association. SMCHA invited to display photos. Robert Stucky offered trunk for MHA display. Discussed ways to encourage participation from SD and Pretty Prairie in SMCHA programs. Ben Stucky liaison to McPherson Historical Society. Robert Stucky liaison to Moundridge Historical Association. Gary Waltner invited to be banquet speaker. Schweitzer Salt sent March. Swissmennonite.org renewed for another year. Dennis Quiring webmaster. Discussed updating the centennial recipe book. Stan Saner will do research about Burns Church.
- May 5, 2011 – Bd at Citizens Bank. Cut down bushes at monument to see if plants could recover. Pulled out trees at cemetery. Authorized to replant as appropriate. Discussed investing funds in McPherson County Community Foundation. Banquet location West Zion. Schweitzer language study by Dr. Mike Putnam, PA State Univ. May 13 Only Schweitzer Spoken Here to address that topic--Toby Goering and Vic Goering in charge. Jason Holcomb stories program planned by Keith Albrecht. Charles Schrag edit next Schweitzer Salt in Sept. Plaque for founders (Harley and Dale Stucky) of SMCHA discussed. Recognition should be given to Harley Stucky for gift of trees at the cemetery. Cemetery policy discussed. Catlin burials need to be remembered at the Catlin Cemetery or at the Hopefield site. Recipe book discussed. Put up SMCHA 4x8 display at Moundridge Museum.
- July 14, 2011 – Bd at Restaurant. Foundation funds discussed. Nominating: Clemon Kaufman, Arnold Wedel, Richard Stucky. Scholarships: Neah Ortman \$250 and Charles Graber \$250 – Christian Service. Jason Holcomb interviewed 9 people in June, digitally recorded and transcribed. LaVern has a list of names of Catlin burials – Brian Stucky assists. Fern Goering agreed to underwrite recipe book with DVDs demonstrating. LaVern and Kathy wrote article for the Moundridge Centennial book about SMCHA.
- Sept 6, 2011 – Discussed investment of funds. Motion for a memorial at Catlin and at Hopefield carried. Brian Stucky will help with wording. More research needs to be done. Cemetery signs discussed. Board agreed name should be Hoffnungsfeld (Hopefield) Cemetery, owned by

SMCHA. Charles Schrag not continuing as Schweitzer Salt editor. MAX will not cover SMCHA insurance.

- **Banquet – Oct 20, 2011.** West Zion. 6:00. Menu is sausage and poppyseed cake dessert. Cost \$15. Speaker Gary Waltner, topic is German title. Music Jesse Graber. Poem by Natalie Stucky. Updates on Story Corp and Research Committee. \$150 honorarium for Gary. 167 attended. Pd West Zion women \$300 for their work. Net income @ \$1970 from banquet.
- October 27, 2011. Cemetery sign project. Approved \$75 timer for monument. Hopefield didn't want to use the display area at Moundridge Museum so we used it for early history of immigrants and showed all early churches. Working on cemetery policy. Brian Stucky will lead work at Catlin. Policy at Farmers Alliance coverage \$10,000 directory building... one million liability. Cost: \$550. Dawn Schrag will assist with recipe project.

## 2012

- January 5, 2012 – Senior Center 5:00 pm. Moved to send Community Foundation \$8,000 for Hoffnungsfeld Cemetery maintenance and the available \$2,000 matching funds from Moundridge Community Foundation will be placed into this account for a total of \$10,000. Brian Stucky, Arnold Wedel and Jim Juhnke, Vic Goering working on Catlin Monument. Ask Glen Goering if he could help identify graves at Hopefield. Mike Putnam from Penn State will move ahead with Scheitzer language project. Discussed place for SMCHA artifacts.
- March 6, 2012 – Budget proposal \$5,150. Val Krehbiel resigned as vice president. Alice Suderman will complete his term. Vic Goering resigned from Only Schweitzer Spoken Here. Brian has worked on Catlin stone. Funds still being raised. Road there needs to be rocked, estimate \$3,000. Continuing Mike Putnam language study work.
- **Annual Meeting March 11, 2012.** 2:30. First Mennonite of Christian. David Habegger speaker. Music Jerry Voth. Richard Ratzlaff devotional. Light refreshments including poppyseed rolls made by Deanne Loganbill. Election: LaVern Stucky (pres), Ryan Goering (treas), Stan Saner and Jeanette Wedel trustees. Glen Goering, Alice Suderman and Keith Goering end of term. Topic of purchase of Hopefield Church Building and property was discussed but board had little interest. Budget \$5,150 approved. Approved cemetery guidelines. LaVern mentioned possibility of organizing a tour to Ukraine in 2013.
- April 9, 2012 – Bd at Moundridge Senior Center, 5:15 p.m. Scanning of genealogy books discussed. Clemon Kaufman, Vi Graber, Bessie Huxman will plan Bethel Fall Fest Schweitzer program. Alice Suderman will draft a statement that does not limit scholarships to only original churches. Catlin designed and installation later. Russia Tour has 27 people showing interest. Jeanette Wedel will give leadership to recipe project. Decided to have post office box for SMCHA at Moundridge. Rosemary Fisher said we could have small space for SMCHA materials at the Museum. Vern Schrag from Kingman is researching Swiss Volhynian gravesites.
- June 26, 2012 Tuesday – at Moundridge Senior Center – Major trimming of trees. Russia tour can have 33 participants. Trying to identify unmarked graves. No applications for scholarships. Approved form for cemetery burial.
- October 2, 2012 – at Moundridge Senior Center. Planting bushes at Marker needing water several times a week. Pioneer Ground Maintenance spraying contract. Hopefield will split the cost as their area will also be included. Dedication of Catlin Memorial on Sept 23 was attended by 200 people. Program: Jim Juhnke and John Sharp and Don Stutzman and Pastor Allan Stucky and thank you for Brian Stucky for contributions. July 22-Aug 6, 2013 Heritage tour Ukraine. Fees for burial raised to \$350. Membership fees raised to \$20/year or \$100 for six years –

effective January 2014. Planned local bus tour. SMCHA owns the road by Hopefield. Hopefield owns the field west of the cemetery. Proposed cemetery research and link to website.

- **Annual Banquet October 18, 2012** – Thursday, 6:00 p.m. Bethel College Mennonite Church. Rich Preheim speaker on “Three Kingdoms.” Alice Suderman planner. \$62 fee for facility. Music by Voran family with Marles Preheim directing.
- November 27, 2012 Tuesday, at Moundridge Senior Center. Cremations limited to two in one plot. Proposed board level position of Membership Chairperson to be presented at the annual meeting. Schweitzer grave database proposed with Betty Graber Hartzler as resource. Heritage tour full. R&R Travel, Hesston assisting with planning. Cemetery is nearly full to the east entrance. New brochure is needed. David Habegger has translated letters of Valentine Krehbiel and these are on the website.

## 2013

- January 22, 2013, Moundridge Senior Center. No trees planted until rain. Proposed local bus tour with the help of Brian Stucky. Discussed cemetery family plots and no action. Betty Graber Hartzler will lead a workshop on genealogy next summer. Burns church taking “Mennonite” out of their name but leave it on the cemetery. Membership letter sent to 356 nonmembers by regular mail, 295 non members by email, 89 members by email, 135 members by regular mail.
- March 3, 2013, Moundridge Senior Center. Proposed budget \$7,270. Suggested that the two churches that took “Mennonite” out of their name would not be allowed to get scholarships: Hopefield and Burns. Approved. Keith Albrecht has agreed to serve as Executive Trustee for 2013.
- **Annual Meeting, March 10, 2013** at First Mennonite McPherson. Program: Marlene Krehbiel. Proposed membership: \$20/year and \$100 for six years. Budget of \$7,270 approved. Election: Ron Preheim, Barbara Stucky, Kip Wedel, Clemon Kaufman, Richard Stucky, and A. Dale Schrag elected. Don Kaufman, Bessie Huxman and Richard Ratzlaff and Gerry Schrag will not continue on board.
- March 26, 2013 Membership 235. Clemon is replacing Ryan as treasurer. Photo registry of Schweitzer graves on website considered. April 24, 2013 Betty Graber Hartzler genealogy workshop at the Wellness Center, Pine Village, Moundridge – attended by 43 (6 guests joined SMCHA that day). Stan Saner has records from Burns – where to store those.
- May 14, 2013, Moundridge Senior Center. Opinions varied about military people being buried at Hopefield. Richard Stucky chair of Nominating with Jim Juhnke and Leann Toews. Local tour of historical sites discussed.
- July 15, 2013 Bd at Plaza Grill, Hutchinson. Membership 259. Kip Wedel will help with local tour and Brian Stucky responsible for details. Bus cost \$1,000/day and will hold 45-50 people (about 20/person). Scholarship budgeted \$500 each for four recipients: Arien Burgan, Caley Ortman, Jacob Landis, Mary Schrag. 100 gallons water taken out every day to water plants at marker.
- Ukraine trip. 2013
- August 14, 2013, \$17,044 balance from Ukraine trip. \$15/year dues. \$100 for ten years paid in 2013. And \$20/year and \$100 for six years if paid in 2014. SMCHA awarded \$500 grant from Moundridge Community Foundation which we use for internet historical cemetery project. Discussion about drilling water for maintaining monument and marker and cemetery.
- **Banquet August 29, 2013**. David Ortman from Seattle. Whitestone. Jeanette leading planning. Cost \$20/plate. Ivan White ventriloquist. Max Voran will show pictures of Ukraine tour.

Water's Edge will smoke the meat. Ladies: fried potatoes, bohne beroggi and rolls. Dessert poppyseed cakes and kurivi made by Jeanette Wedel. Meat \$250. Volunteers brought food. Paid church expenses plus \$2.00 for meal to church.

- October 17, 2013 Bd at Senior Center, 8:30 a.m. Cleaned up the limestone on monument with power washer and cleaned up the letters on the cemetery stones and sealed them. Becky Goss explained our investments with McPherson County Community Foundation. We pay them 1% fee to be administrators. Our investment of \$10,000 earned \$843. 4-5% distribution each year can be used or added to fund. Ten new members, now 240. April 26, 2014 local historical sites tour. We can use water at Hopefield Church but difficult to get it.
- January 9, 2014. Bd at Senior Center. Bank Balance \$16,691. Cemetery guidelines approved. Cost for cremation same for regular burial. Sent 312 membership letters to nonmembers. Membership 248. Betty Graber Hartzler and others are identifying SV graves.
- January 20, 2014 – Exec. Meeting at LaVern's house. Pioneer Landscaping will mow. Decided to budget \$1,000 for scholarships. Decided to widen driveway at cemetery.
- February 11, 2014 – Discussed endowments. Will remove mulberry trees.
- **Annual Meeting March 9, 2014, 2:30 at First Mennonite Halstead** Speakers: Alan Stucky, Berni Kaufman, David Roth, Jim Ostlund about scholarships they received and lives impacted by that. Budget approved \$7950. Election: LaVern Stucky (pres), Clemon Kaufman (treas), Trustees: Keith Albrecht, and Roy Kaufman. Membership rate change to \$20/year; \$100 for six years. Swiss tour to Ukraine ending balance of \$9189 in Renovation fund. Contact Chuck Mueller.
- April 8, 2014 Bd at Senior Center. Local tour sold out. Cemetery directory has been updated same as web.
- Local Tour April 26, 2014, Saturday, led by Brian Stucky and LaVern Stucky. Great booklet of information.
- May 15, 2014 presentation. LaVern Stucky and Kathy Goering gave presentation at Moundridge Chamber meeting about SMCHA.
- June 10, 2014. Membership 280. Seed money given for water well. [Kathy Goering in phone conversation with Hopefield pastor Galen Dreier was told that we could trench across Hopefield property if needed and that Hopefield is glad to cooperate with SMCHA as possible.] LaVern asked for suggestions of how to handle the upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary 2024. Ben Stucky will handle Fall Fest this fall.
- July 6, 2014 2:30 Meeting at Wellness Center. Program by Jason Holcomb.
- July 21, 2014 Bd meeting at Truck Plaza, Hutchinson. SMCHA archives at Kauffman Museum, Moundridge Museum, Mennonite Library and Archives? Gave \$500 to Caley Ortman scholarship. Looked at landscape plan for the monument created by Kim Nelson of Nelson Nursery. Joined Moundridge Chamber of Commerce \$35. From Foundation earnings, money used for Cemetery on the Web project.
- August 11, 2014. Working on location signage. Affordable Tree Services hired to remove old shrubs. Funds from Neva Belle Adamson memorial given for landscape at monument and signage at directory building. \$12,671.94 SMCHA money in McPherson County Community Foundation.
- October . *Bethel Fall Fest*. Norvin Schrag MC. Nadine Wedel and Sheri Durst on program plus Stan Saner story and Evelyn Schrag.
- October 20, 2014 Bd at Senior Center. Monument repair: Dana Orpin estimated \$3,475. Accu-Crete \$650 level and sidewalk around the monument. Ty Stucky repaired wiring for lights

@\$1,000. Ezra Miller drilled the water well; hit water at 40 feet but well goes to 80'. Goering Hardware installed tank and drenching. Talked about water to Marker but prohibitive. Brian Stucky working on Alta Mill planning.

- Nov 6, 2014. Match Day – raised \$4600 plus \$3000 match for total \$7600.
- **Banquet November 11, 2014.** At Water's Edge, Hesston. Roast beef meal. 136 people served. Devotions by Ken Preheim. Music by mix quartet – Vern Preheim. Jeff Koller speaker – “The Importance of our Story.” \$15/plate to them. SMCHA charged \$20/plate.
- Nov. 20, 2014. Motion to change cemetery name to Hopefield (Hoffnungsfeld) Cemetery. Water system winterized. Total in endowment now \$20,000. Expendable account was discussed to be used for specified reason like scholarship.

## 2015

- January 8, 2015 Bd at LaVern Stucky's home. Made @\$300 from banquet. Annual income \$1700 over budget. Cemetery row stones have been sealed. Board agreed to put \$50,00 in endowment with McPherson County Community Foundation. Wayne Goering will digitize Harley Stucky's scrapbooks re. 1974 activities.
- February 24, 2015. Approved proposed budget. Keith Albrecht accepted invitation on Alta Mill Advisory Board. Gin Niehage will assist Kathy Goering with membership records. Neva Belle Adamson plaque wording accepted. Motion to move money from Scholarship account at the bank to Expendable Account at McPherson County Community Foundation. And write guidelines for its operation. Membership letter sent to 627 nonmembers, only 6 joined. Current membership 294.
- **Annual Meeting March 8, 2015** At Kingman Mennonite. 130 attended. David Roth devotions. Showed video of 100 years of church. Program: panel of Kingman members relating stories – Reflections from the past led by Clemon Kaufman, Virgil Ewy, Leland Albrecht, and Les Schrag. Womens quartet. Gary Krehbiel impersonator. Election: Ron Preheim (vp), Barbara Stucky (sec), trustees Jeanette Stucky continuing and E. Fred Goering new. Betty Graber Hartzler database of Swiss Volhynian graves available for \$20. Members approved endowment for maintenance of its properties. Played Trachelswald video. Adopted new logo designed by Jesse Graber. Kathy demonstrated on computer how to get on SMCHA website.
- March 17, 2015 Bd at Senior Center. Laurie Oswald Robinson will lead a workshop on writing historical stories - Storytelling (pd her \$350) at Wellness Center at Pine Village. 14 reservations.
- May 7, 2015 Bd at Senior Center. Eden Mennonite agreed to accept responsibility for Hopefield Cemetery if SMCHA should dissolve. Wayne Stucky new member on Nominating Comm. Water flowing at Monument.
- July 6, 2015 *Jason Holcomb* led meeting sharing his impressions of Swiss Volhynian Mennonites at Wellness Center at Pine Village.
- July 9, 2015 Bd at Carriage Crossing. Members 304. Betty Graber Hartzler and Kathy Goering walked area cemeteries for more information for Cemeteries on the Web. Send scholarship money directly to institution instead of to recipient.
- Bus Tour August 29, 2015. 54 participants. Gave Brian \$100 for leading.
- Sept 15, 2015 at properties and senior center. Load of top soil delivered to cemetery. Jake Goering requested help with maintenance for the Lone Tree sign.
- October 20, 2015 at senior center. Driveway markers installed at cemetery. Talking with area landowners for permission to place directional signs.

- **Banquet Thursday, October 29, 2015, 6:00.** “Common Threads” - John Sharp and Tony Brown and Ken Rodgers – at Eden Mennonite. German sausage supper, poppyseed cake. Cost \$20/plate Net income \$255.80. History of Eden by Marlene Krehbiel. Cemetery books were sold.
- Nov. 5, 2015 – Match Day. SMCHA donations \$6,517.50 (highest organization).
- Nov 17, 2015 at senior citizen. Directional signs ordered. Board Christmas meal planned. Membership card for members idea.

## **2016**

- February 2, Tuesday, 2016 at LaVern Stucky’s home. Match Day deposit \$3267.50. Balance \$52,145.05 now in Endowment account. Trees cleaned up after ice storm. Agreed that Eden would oversee our properties if SMCHA was discontinued. Clark Graber died so need new scholarship committee member.
- March 15, 2016 at Moundridge senior center. Membership 295. Workday at cemetery. Kip Wedel suggested wording for plaque. Kerwin Graber new scholarship committee member, from SD.
- **Annual Meeting April 3, 2016** at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson. John McCabe Juhnke speaker – “Sojourn to Ukraine.” Pd John \$100. Church ladies provided snacks and SMCHA ordered poppyseed rolls. LaVern (pres), Clemon (treas), New trustees: Nancy Krehbiel, Eugene Goering. Richard Stucky continued. Richard Ratzlaff presented the history of First Mennonite Hutchinson church.  
*Local sites tour April 30, 2016*
- May 3, 2016, Income from bus tour participants \$2,650. Membership 304.
- July 14, 2016. Carriage Crossing. Lorita Regier in charge of next Fall Fest. 305 members. Moved to give \$500 to Jennifer Kaufman and \$500 to Renae Stucky for scholarships. James P. Stucky is new nominating committee member. Discussion about digitizing out of date history books of Swiss Volhynian significance. Discussed identifying immigrant house.
- September 9, 2016. Wayne Goering scanned Harley Stucky’s scrapbooks. Sealer put on sidewalk. Gib Burgan is transferring tapes of Schweitzer programs into DVDs. Don Stutzman who cares for Catlin Cemetery is resigning.
- **Banquet September 22, 2016.** Faith Mennonite Church. Susan K. Goering speaker – “From the Prairie to the East Coast.” Bread Basket provided food: Ham and sausage menu and bohne beroggi. Pd Faith \$380 for facilities and Kitchen. \$212 came in for surplus food.
- October 14, 2016 at Senior Center. Light timer at monument replaced. Keith working on name plates for cemetery directory.  
*November 2, 2016 Match Day.* Raised \$2600 plus match of \$2034.
- November 18, 2016 at Kathy Goering’s. Pd Dennis Quiring for three years work. Kathy has posted a Facebook page.
- December 2016. Board Christmas gathering at D’Veers in Elbing. Jim Yoder presenter.

## **2017**

- January 13, 2017. Senior Center. Foundation total \$57,798.15. Water well did not freeze. Moved to plan trip to Freeman. Filming happening for recipe demonstrations. Discussion about where to put archives. Trustees put cemetery names in gold plates in cemetery directory building.
- February 21, 2017. *SV Database workshop* at Wellness Center led by Betty Graber Hartzler. 33,000 names on database. 15 attended.

- March 3, 2017. Leann Toews' home. Conversation about cooperation with Moundridge Historical Museum. Eugene Goering has two blueray videos of 125<sup>th</sup> celebration.
- **Annual Meeting March 12, 2016**. First Mennonite, Newton. Curt Goering speaker from Center for Victims of Torture. Ben J. Stucky announced the election: Ron Preheim (vp), Barbara Stucky (sec) Keith Albrecht and Roy Kaufman agreed to serve another term. Ron Dietzel read the history of the church. Budget income \$5,900, expenses, \$5,870 approved. Refreshments snacks and poppyseed roll from Deanne Loganbill.
- April 10, 2017. Laurie Oswald Robinson wrote article about SMCHA for Mennonite World Review after interviewing LaVern Stucky and Kathy Goering.
- April 28, 2017. At Moundridge Museum (Bob and Sheryl Stucky hosted). Toured and they provided snacks. Approved signage wording at the Marker. Trustees had workday. Membership 299. Agreed to have a board Christmas event. Printed cemetery booklets for Eden, Hopefield, West Zion, First Mennonite of Christian, Pretty Prairie, Kingman, Salem and Salem Zion in Freeman SD, Lorraine Avenue and these will be on the web site to download or requested.
- May 6, 2017 Local sites tour. Led by Brian Stucky and LaVern Stucky.
- June 27, 2017 at Keith Albrecht's. Visited properties first. Grounds looked good. Pioneer Landscaping mowing for us. Richard, Ron and Roy put up directional sign on Arrowhead Road. Kathy Goering interviewed James Krehbiel on current trip. Brochures for the cookbook came and ordered 300 books.
- Freeman Trip, July 18, 19, 20, 2017. Also Henderson, NE historic museum and Church. 41 participants. Input from S.Roy Kaufman, Bob Engbrecht, and Norman Hofer about the three ethnic groups settled at Freeman Tour of Museum and Arboretum. Freeman tour \$1,605 over expenses.
- August 24, 2017. Valetta Seymour new nominating committee member but then she resigned. Foundation account now \$61,096. Checking account total \$12,717. Moundridge Public Library has allowed us to put the Swiss Volhynian database on their public computer so that community folks can do research. Kathy Goering sent requests to all SV sextons to update their names on cemetery list. Paid \$25 to have a booth at Moundridge Christmas Fair to sell recipe books. Scholarship money at the bank will be moved to an Expendable Account at the McPherson County Community Foundation. Kathy Goering Reid approved for her parents, Ozzie and Elaine Goering. LaVern Stucky encouraged board to think ahead about the 2024 anniversary 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. No scholarship recipients this year. Media responsibility has been added to Kathy Goering's membership role.
- September 11, 2016. *Genealogy workshop* led by Brian Stucky. 25 people attended. Showed genealogy numbering systems and encouraged updating genealogy books.
- October 10, 2017. Recipe books income \$2901 thus far. Cost of Schweitzer Salt is about \$80/issue for regular mail (165 emails). Board members met Brian Stucky at the monument to talk about identifying the immigrant house. He measured. Betty Graber Hartzler and Kathy Goering have ended the effort to collect cemetery information of Swiss Volhynian descendants that was started with funds from Match Day in 2013; this information is on the web.
- **Annual Banquet October 26, 2017**. Eden Mennonite. 6:00 p.m. Dale Schrag speaker: "Searching for a Usable Past." \$20/plate. Sausage supper with bohne beroggi and poppyseed cake made by Eden women. SMCHA paid them for supplies plus \$100 for their mission projects. Glen Goering gave a history of Hopefield Church. Trio sang.
- November 2, 2017. *Match Day*. Friends contributed \$2640.
- December 14, 2017 Board Christmas at D'Veers with John McCube Juhnke presenting.



## 2018

- Thursday, January 11, 2018 - Bd meeting. Membership 287. Schweitzer Salt sent and sent to many area churches and other churches out of state to invite purchase of SV “Swiss Volhynian Favorite Recipes” and invite to join SMCHA. 50 brochures printed. Cemetery booklets for sale. Betty Graber Hartzler updated cemeteries on the web. Vern Schrag sent “On the Swiss Volhynians who came to America after the main groups left Russia in 1874” for the web. Discussed right side of directory building appearance. Newton Public Library now has the SV DataBase on their public computers. An article was printed in the Newton newspaper. Discussed development of the Monument site. LaVern drafted a proposal for three-year board terms for all. Foundation summary: 2013 – develop Cemeteries on the Web project – received \$500. 2014 – future maintenance of properties. 2015 \$6527.50 donated Match Day. \$3,250 grant deposited. \$400 grant received for directional signs – Aug 25, 2015. 2016 - \$2600 Match Day donated. \$2034.83 our percentage. Digitize history books/records. 2017 - \$2640 Match Day donated. \$2,106.94 our percentage for Immigrant house project. Irrigation system winterized. Dead trees cut down at the marker. 25 new signatures in the guest book at Monument in 2017. \$1,000 for scholarship.
- Thursday, February 22, 2018 - Bd – Sent \$7500 gift to Mennonite Library and Archives Operating Endowment. Discussed plans for the development of the area around the Centennial Monument. Dennis Quiring doesn’t have time for our website so we may need to make other arrangements. Kathy Goering typed a history of Only Schweitzer Spoken Here. The last event recorded was 2012. Developed a paragraph of explanation to place in Cemetery Directory Building. Schweitzer Salt sent February 28, 2018 advertising the Annual Meeting at Pretty Prairie.
- Sunday, March 11, 2018, 2:30 pm Annual Business Meeting at First Mennonite Church, Pretty Prairie, KS. Budget of \$6400 approved. Quartet of Stan Stucky, Rod Krehbiel, Ty Stucky, Stan Graber sang “I’ll fly away.” Ty Stucky gave history of the church. Elected President LaVern Stucky, Treas Clemon Kaufman, and two new trustees: Pat Rupp and LaDeen Frey. Retiring trustees: Jeanette Wedel and Leann Toews. Speaker Rev. Kathy Goering Reid of Waco, TX, “Schweitzer Culture and Peace in our Homes.” Refreshments of cookies served by ladies of the church and poppyseed rolls from Deann Loganbill of Moundridge.
- March 21, 2018 - Bd – Keith Albrecht replaced bulb at monument. Roger Juhnke has posted the information about scholarships.
- May 15, 2018 - Bd worked on plaque wording at Cemetery. Merlin Krehbiel agreed to serve on Nominating Committee.
- July 17, 2018 - Bd mentioned speaker possibilities: Wilbert Shenk, Patricia Goering Smith, Christie Schmid, Kip Wedel, Jim Juhnke, Scott W. Stucky, Ben Goossen, Frank Stucky, Phyllis Schrag, Leona Stucky Abbott, Mark Janzen, Robert Kaufman. Eight loads of water were hauled to water plants at the Marker for the last month or so. Scholarship awarded to Dianne Schmidt, on Ministerial team at Eden for \$500. Fall Fest planning.
- July 2018 - *Schweitzer Salt* advertising Fall Fest and Annual Banquet.
- August 21, 2018 - Bd mtg at Yoder KS – Banquet planning. Merlin Krehbiel resigned from Nominating Committee and replaced by Sandra Schrag Zenger. We need to start thinking about ways to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the immigration. \$420 for memberships. On July 24, 2018 Martha Jo Biggs was buried in AA19 at our cemetery. Discussed marking of the Immigrant House.

- September 2018 *Schweitzer Salt* sent advertising Fall Fest event of Max Voran showing Ukraine photos from the 2013 heritage trip.
- September 24, 2018 Bd - Siegrists will speak at Banquet and also at Bethel College Convocation the next day. Kathy has listed events on Facebook. Anna Wiens from Bethel Beyond group helped get publicity information.
- October 6, 2018 10:00 am Fall Fest in Room 216 of Will Academic Building. Ordered 9 poppyseed rolls from Deanne Loganbill to serve. Clemon Kaufman presented a German skit. Rainy day. Very full room.
- October, 2018 *Schweitzer Salt* sent advertising Annual Banquet and Don and Joanne Siegrist speakers.
- October 18, 2018 6:00 pm **Annual Banquet at Bethel College** Memorial Hall. Bethel Catering served buffet dinner; used white linen tablecloths. Costs are \$250 for Mem Hall rent plus \$100 for IT assistance. “Anabaptist History - Trachselwald Castle and Other Events in the Emmental.” Woven and Open Road choral ensembles sang.
- November 1, 2018 Match Day 12 pm-6 pm at Quincy’s in Moundridge. For building our endowment.
- Tuesday, November 6, 2018 Bd - \$800 for memberships. Match Day brought in \$3,618.50. \$1,408.50 our match plus \$100 prize – 27 donors. Kip Wedel will be presenter at 2019 Annual meeting at First Mennonite McPherson at 2:30 pm. We should check our insurance coverage. Who will represent SMCHA at the Moundridge Chamber meetings? Don Stutzman has given up mowing at Catlin; should we manage that? Brian Stucky is leading a tour November 11 to Alta Mill and then Burrton. Richard Stucky and Keith Albrecht replaced some shingles on the directory building roof. Frontier Electric installed a new light timer on the monument lights. The sump pump is working well there even through days of rain. Irrigation system winterized. Barbara Stucky, Eugene Goering, Kathy Goering and Marty Albrecht (suggested by Keith) will meet with Graham Unruh of Flint Hills Design about the new Word Press web site. Cost will be \$1500 for installation, moving current documents to new site, and then \$49/month for expenses in hosting, backup and support. Graham suggests that board members participate in inputting information on a regular basis. Same address: [www.swissmennonite.org](http://www.swissmennonite.org). Several more names were suggested as potential speakers for the future: Karen Wall, Jim Goering, Ted Schwartz, Ted Zerger.

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