



Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association

Annual Business Meeting
Sunday, March 10, 2019, 2:30 p.m.
First Mennonite Church, McPherson, KS

PROGRAM

Welcome	Ron Preheim
Meditation	Leslie Goering Seifert
Music	First Mennonite Hand Bell Choir
"How Firm a Foundation" and "Morning Has Broken"	
Bob Bartel, Charlotte Anderson, Connie Stucky, Marlene Unruh, Fran Stucky, Cora Duerksen, Dayle Toews, Kathy Sawatzky, Pastor Rose Marie Zook Barber	
2018 Budget	Clemon Kaufman
Election of Officers	Jim P. Stucky
Service of Appreciation of Dennis Quiring	
History of First Mennonite Church, McPherson, KS	Randy Goering
Introduction to Speaker	Ron Preheim
Speaker	Kip Wedel, Associate Professor of History, Bethel College "Wrong Kingdom: Why Anabaptists are Suspicious of American Civil Religion"



2019 Proposed SMCHA Budget

INCOME:

Membership	\$2,900.00
Banquet	\$3,000.00
Book Sales	\$400.00
Miscellaneous	\$400.00
Donations	\$400.00
Interest Income	\$40.00

TOTAL INCOME \$7,140.00

EXPENSES:

Banquet	\$2,500.00
Mowing	\$1,600.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$50.00
Monument & Marker Maintenance	\$50.00
Property Insurance	\$570.00
Electricity	\$230.00
Schweitzer Salt & Other Printing	\$400.00
Postage and Delivery	\$250.00
Scholarships	\$500.00
Honoraria	\$100.00
Annual Meeting	\$200.00
Licenses, Permits, Dues	\$75.00
Web Service	\$580.00
Miscellaneous	\$20.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$7,125.00

NET INCOME \$15.00

2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

Match Day November 2018. Twenty seven donors donated \$2,110 plus match dollars of \$1,408.50 plus a \$100 prize brought in \$3,618.50 to SMCHA. Thank you to all who assisted to meet our project of upgrading our website. The new website has the same address as in the past. (swissmennonite.org) It was set up by Flint Hills Design, North Newton, KS.

800 copies of "Swiss Volhynian Favorite Recipes" were sold.

The 2018 annual banquet was held October 18, 2018 at Bethel College. The program was given by Don and Joannie Siegrist titled "Anabaptist History: Trachelswald Castle and Other Events in the Emmental".

At October 6 Fall Fest, Max Voran showed photography of Volhynia from the SMCHA-sponsored tour to Volhynia and Clemon Kaufman did a German skit. Poppyseed rolls and coffee were served.

The SMCHA Trustees installed a new display in the Hopefield Directory Building that lists names of people probably buried or possibly buried there. They also cut down dead trees on the property.

March 11, 2018 the Annual Meeting was held in Pretty Prairie Mennonite Church with Kathy Goerng Reid speaking on "Schweitzer Culture and Peace in our Homes."

The SMCHA Scholarship went to Diane Schmidt, Associate Pastor of Eden Mennonite Church, for her continuing study at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. If you can encourage someone to apply, let them know that they should send request by due date now of May 31, 2019.

Past President Arnold M. Wedel died. Events during his 17 years of participating as an officer included the building of the Hopefield Cemetery Directory Building, web site was developed, stone posts installed at the Cemetery, "Only Schweitzer Spoken Here" initiated, Schweitzer Salt newsletter started, Chortitza Oak Tree planted at the Monument, Monument repaired and maintained, By-laws updated, Endowment funding encouraged, early investigation of Schweitzer graves at Catlin.

Keith Albrecht reported one new grave during 2018. Martha Jo Biggs, 74, buried in location AA19.

Support: The board has wrestled through the years with how to attract new members. In 1973 twenty six people met to start SMCHA, Harley J. Stucky chairman. They discussed Centennial. In 1980 fifty to sixty attended SMCHA meeting. In the years that followed, between eighty five and two hundred attended banquets and annual meetings. In 1989 dues were raised to \$15. In 2003, a joining option was \$100 for ten years. In 2013 the membership position was added on the board. In 2013 we offered \$20/year of 6 years / \$100 dues. A Swiss Volhynian database was developed to identify Swiss Volhynians in seven church membership directories. At the Kingman annual meeting in 2015, we topped 300 members and since then the numbers have decreased. We've sent a membership letter each year inviting joining or renewal. How many new members can we expect? SMCHA has important goals and we appreciate support from the Swiss Volhynian community. If your dues are paid, we would be elated if you would send a donation gift! We welcome your ideas and of course receiving your support – dues or donations. Please send your dues of \$20/2019 or \$100/six years to SMCHA, PO Box 93, Moundridge, KS 67107.