

MINUTES of the BOARD MEETING

MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

7:00-7:45 PM, Friday, 20 January 2012
The First Mennonite Church
Vineland, Ontario

Present: Sam Steiner, President, Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario
Lucille Marr, Secretary, Société d'histoire mennonite du Québec
Richard Thiessen, Treasurer, Mennonite Historical Society of British
Columbia

Alf Redekopp, member at large, Mennonite Church Canada
Wesley Berg, Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta
Bill Janzen, Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta
Jake Buhler, Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan
Bert Friesen, Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society
Conrad Stoesz, Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society
Maurice Martin, Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario
Laureen Harder-Gissing, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada
Richard Lougheed, Société d'histoire mennonite du Québec
Leonard Chester, Brethren in Christ Historical Society

Regrets : Royden Loewen, Vice-President, Chair of Mennonite Studies,
University of Winnipeg

1. **Welcome:** The MHSC president Sam Steiner welcomed the board to Vineland, while dealing with the logistics regarding transportation and the rest of the meetings.
2. **Minutes of the 21 January 2011 meeting:** The MHSC secretary read the minutes. **M/S/C Lucille Marr/Conrad Stoesz**
3. **Business arising from the minutes:** none
4. **Approval of Agenda for Board and Annual Meeting:**
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5. **President's report:** deferred for Annual General Meeting
6. **MHSC Award of Excellence:** The nomination from Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta candidate Irene Klassen was confirmed. Sam read the Alberta society's letter where it was noted that she had been active from the society's inception both as a volunteer and author. The certificate will be sent back with the folks from Alberta and they can choose a venue from which to make the presentation for Irene. **M/S/C Bert Friesen/Wes Berg**
Richard Lougheed suggested including Irene Klassen's maiden name which was Epp. After a brief discussion the board decided to stay with her name as she uses it, but to include her parents in the biographical description on the website.
7. **MHSC Incorporation Update:** Richard Thiessen reported on the British Columbia society's issues with the Charities organization template. In short, it seems that it may be in conflict with provincial regulations. Richard T.

- recommended that the MHSC Board follow up before voting on the constitution and suggested postponing a vote until we get a legal opinion. If there are changes, sixty days before the next AGM Richard T. will send them out as a motion.
8. **Divergent Voices of Canadian Mennonites (DVCM):** In Royden Loewen's absence, excerpts from his written report will be presented at the MHSC Annual General Meeting.
 9. **Genealogy Committee:** will report at the MHSC Annual General Meeting.
 10. **Nominations Committee report:** On behalf of the committee, Sam Steiner presented the following slate for 2012:
 - President: Lucille Marr
 - Vice-President: Roy Loewen
 - Secretary: Alf Redekopp
 - Treasurer: Richard Thiessen
 - Member-at-large: Maurice Martin
 11. **Other items:** Regarding next year: we should be back in Manitoba since we have come to Ontario in 2012; this means that if we stay with our regular rotation, the MHSC will hold its annual meeting in Manitoba two years running. The meetings are held in Manitoba every other year for financial reasons. Other meetings - the genealogy committee, archivists, and GAMEO management board - need to be planned around the MHSC meetings.

As usual, the date will be the third weekend in January: January 18-19, 2013
 12. **Finance Report:** Richard Thiessen provided financial statements
 13. **Budget 2011/12:** Richard T will present the new budget to the Annual General Meeting.
 14. **Adjournment:** Richard Lougheed motioned to adjourn