

**MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING
VON ROSENBERG FAMILY OF TEXAS
Saturday, July 17, 1993**

The meeting was called to order by Oscar Lytton, President at 4:10 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Introduction of all the family members present was made. Nettie Green moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Darlyn Bechtol and passed. The Treasurer's report was given by Robert Hein, Treasurer. The Book Fund had sales of \$360.00, expenses of \$32.63, and a balance of \$694.22. The Operating Fund had income of \$1,716.56, a transfer to the Book Fund of \$166.00, a memorial donation to Shriners Hospital in Phil Meerscheidt's name of \$100.00, and a balance of \$3,333.55. Bill von Rosenberg, Jr. motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and it passed.

Dale U. von Rosenberg gave the historian's report. He mentioned that a lot of the family's history was included in the new cookbook just published. Also, family books were sent to the Institute of German Histories. A brief update was given on the status of Henkel Square and the renovation of the von Rosenberg house located there. Dale reminded everyone that a lot of work remains to be completed in order to make Volume III come to fruition. He also reported that the 200th anniversary of Peter Carl's birthday will occur in 1994. An observation at next year's Reunion would be in order.

Under New Business, Oscar Lytton presented the slate of officers nominated: President – Kurt von Rosenberg; Vice President – Margaret Lee; Treasurer – Glenn von Rosenberg; Historian – Dale U. von Rosenberg; Secretary – Wayne A. Scholz. There were no other nominations from the floor. Darlyn Bechtol motioned to close nominations and all were elected.

Glenn von Rosenberg presented a plaque for Phil Meerscheidt's 21 years of service to his daughter, Pam Peters and his wife, Shirley Meerscheidt. This indeed was a very emotional moment for all because Phil was much loved by all that knew him. Glenn also presented a plaque commemorating Robert Hein's 32 years of service as the family Treasurer.

The new family cookbook was then dedicated. It took two years to prepare and contains recipes from over 100 individuals representing all branches of the family. Speeches were made by all who directly worked on this project. They included Edna von Rosenberg, Jo von Rosenberg, Nettie Green, Marjorie von Rosenberg, and Dale U. von Rosenberg. The printing cost was financed

by three family members with a \$14,022.24 interest-free loan. The sale price of each book was set at \$14.95 for family members and \$16.95 for non-family members. Two thousand books were printed and it will take selling 1,000 books to breakeven. Each family member was encouraged to take at least one case of 20 books to sell on consignment. All monies collected and unsold books should be returned by the 1994 Reunion.

The President asked for a motion to set the time and place of next year's Reunion. Bill von Rosenberg, Jr. motioned to hold next year's Reunion at Camp Lone Star on the third weekend of July 1994. After some discussion concerning price, the motion was passed.

Approximately 91 family members registered at this year's Reunion. Kurt von Rosenberg asked for ideas for social events to include in next year's Reunion.

Byron von Rosenberg gave the Memorial Service, reading the names of 8 members who have died since last year's Reunion: Oliver Campbell, 5/8/93; Bruce Homberger, 2/23/93; William Wingo, 3/20/93; Marcus Hellmuth; Phil Meerscheidt, 8/14/92; Dolores Krause Rollings, 5/21/90; Milton Krause, 6/10/92; and Barbara Scholz Beasom, 1/1/93.

Under announcements, Leo P. Meerscheidt showed two pictures dating back 100 years. One was of Arthur Meerscheidt and the other of his wife Amanda Karoline von Rosenberg Meerscheidt. A copy of Martha Meerscheidt's collection from the 1930's is available. Family members were asked to stand as each individual family branch number was called. All branches were represented except for Branch VI which had no heirs. Pam Peters and Shirley Meerscheidt gave a warm and tearful "Thank You" to the family for its recognition of Phil Meerscheidt.

Jack Campbell, nephew of Russell Campbell, travelled the farthest coming from New Jersey. The youngest in attendance was Erin Marie Campbell, daughter of Jack Campbell. The eldest family member present was again Charles W. von Rosenberg, Historian Emeritus.

Forrest Campbell announced that the scavenger hunt would start at 7 P.M. with a compass reading course starting at 6:30 P.M. Glenn von Rosenberg said he was selling raffle tickets for chances to win several gifts at the dance tonight. Darlyn Bechtol announced that the dance would be in the Youth Dining Hall beginning at 9 P.M. There was no Disc Jockey this year in order to save on expenses. The devotional service will be held on Sunday at 10:30 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 P.M.