

Minutes of the last reunion

REUNIONMINUTES

July 16, 2005

The business meeting of the 64th Reunion of the vonRosenberg Family of Texas was called to order by President Darlyn Cartwright at 1:00 p.m. on July 16, 2005. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the President welcomed everyone.

Ann Barnes, our Historian, and her husband Michael traveled the farthest distance, coming from Mesa, Arizona. Edna vonRosenberg, at 95 years of age, was the oldest family member present. The youngest member present was Rebecca Juranek, two years and four months old; the daughter of Ann and Tom Juranek. Achievements were given by a number of the family members, including graduations and gainful employment of their children.

Minutes of last year's business meeting were read and approved as read. The Treasurer gave his report. This year, \$517 worth of books were sold. We paid off 50% of the loans from family members, for a total of \$4,000. It has been six years since these loans were made to the Association. We currently have a checking account balance of \$2,691.65. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Ann Barnes, Historian, gave her report. Ann stated that there are 365 identified photographs which she has scanned and cataloged by Branches. She has created a CD, which is available for \$20. Charles Becker brought family photos to donate to the family. Ann asked for assistance in identifying them. On this morning's tour to the Fayette Museum and Library in LaGrange, Ann took some additional items. These included Minutes of the Association from 1939 to 1979 in a bound, handwritten book. Phil Meerscheidt typed the Minutes while he was Secretary and preserved them in a notebook, which will be placed in the Library.

Ann asked everyone to visit the family website. Steve Hornberger, a member of Branch One, is the web master and wants to know what we think about it. She also thanked her unofficial historian committee — Ray vonRosenberg, Art Green, and Neal Rabensburg. Billye Beth Baker is finding out more information on Branch Six. Laura Wingo has translated the *Familie Froelich* book. Laura's son Bill Wingo has published the translation and has the book for sale for \$15.00, with \$2.00 going to the Association. He brought 19 books with him and will take orders for additional copies. It details life in the Baltic States and includes poetry, Wills, diaries, and a reprise of the immigration letters. This is the family of Peter Carl's first wife. We expressed our appreciation for Laura's work in translating this book.

Old Business:

There was a discussion of ways to promote our publications. We currently have the following book inventory: 659 cookbooks, 1007 copies of Volume III, 22 copies of Volume II, and no Volume I books. The Ancestral Voices is interesting reading because it not only tells the family history, but also how life was at that time. Several ideas were presented to help sell our books.

The Association was supposed to receive \$5,000 from the estate of Charles vonRosenberg. However, Wayne Scholz and Bill vonRosenberg have found out that when the estate was settled, the law firm said they "couldn't find us" so it was distributed to the other heirs.

New Business:

Motion made, seconded and carried to hold our Reunion next year at the same place and the same time. We will have to wait for Camp Lone Star to give us the exact dates we can have the facility.

Election of Officers was held and the following officers were elected: President Pam Peters, Vice President Neale Rabensburg, Secretary Shirley Meerscheidt, Treasurer Forrest Campbell, and Historian Ann Barnes.

Neale Rabensburg invited everyone to the Meerscheidt House at 7:00 p.m. tonight for a reception.

The President announced that we would re-convene at 3:30 p.m. for the report from the family members who went on the Heritage Trip last September.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.