

## Rural Revival Minutes

April 6, 2015

**Members Present:** Dennis Lehman, Lyle Preheim, Glen Wollman, Roy Kaufman, Tim Eisenbeis, Lary Eisenbeis, Paul Ortman, John Koch, Nate Preheim

**Minutes** of February 4 meeting were reviewed and approved. Approval moved by Glenn Wollman, seconded by Roy Kaufman, and approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report.** The Rural Revival account has \$824.95 in it. Outstanding bills include \$150 honorarium for Lyle Perman and reimbursement of room rental at the Community Center of \$50 advanced by John Koch.

**Education Report.** Additional information on *Map of My Kingdom* (an original drama) was presented. This production is available for anywhere from \$750 (for a single performance) and up to \$3,000 (for a 2 day event featuring a series of related presentations). While the costs seemed quite high, it was agreed that the churches would be consulted on the possibly of co-sponsoring this. Paul Ortman and Roy Kaufman will communicate this interest. The show has minimal space and set up requirements.

**Community Kitchen.** No report.

**Butcher Shop/Buffalo Enterprise** These topics blended together somewhat with Nate Preheim reporting that his company had reached the finals of the FedEx national competition. This led into discussion on the previous activities of RR vis-à-vis the establishment of a butcher shop in the Freeman area. Nate will contact Adam Tschetteter about his interest in this.

**Raw Milk.** No report.

**Arts/Earth Center.** John Koch reported that Ghostlight Players is planning a "Freeman Revue" variety show this summer. This will be marketed to tourists in the Gavin's Point area and be combined with additional community activities. He asked that RR members consider whether they would be open to having some of these visitors out to their farms. He also reported on their trip to the Amana Colonies and the interest in marketing "Freeman Heritage Products" over the internet.

**Schmeckfest Table** – There was generally positive response to Rural Revival, Freeman Education and Research, and the community garden sharing tables at this year's Schmeckfest. The first weekend the tables were in the Heritage Hall Museum, but were moved to Sterling Hall the second weekend. Sterling Hall was a much better site for these. The displays were attractive, brochures were updated, and we had quite a few people stop by to visit.

**Schmeckfest Presentation** – There was discussion about the idea of having Lyle Perman do one of the lectures at Schmeckfest. Dennis Lehman and Lyle Preheim will check to

get reactions to this idea from the Auxiliary.

**Communications** – Nate Preheim has agreed to help with organization’s website. John Koch will forward copies of Minutes to him so he can be update the site.  
Copies of other articles or press releases should also be shared

**Annual Reports/Registered Agent** – John Koch reported that he had learned that Rural Revival was no longer in good standing with the state because we had not filed an Annual Report last year. It was realized that Will Ortman is still listed as our Registered Agent but he is no longer actively participating, therefore, requests relative to these filings have not been received by someone who will take care of them. It was moved by Paul Ortman, seconded by Lary Eisenbeis that John Koch be appointed the organization’s Registered Agent and that the state reporting reflect this shift. Passed unanimously.

**Adjournment** – Moved by Glenn Wollman, Second by Roy Kaufman, accepted.

Respectfully submitted, John Koch, Secretary