

Mennonite Historical Society of Canada  
Archives Committee Meeting Minutes  
Friday December 5, 1997 9:00 a.m.  
Concord College, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Present: Bert Friesen, Sam Steiner, Abe Dueck, Richard Thiessen, Victor Wiebe, Alf Redekopp, Ken Reddig

1. Call to order

Bert Friesen called the meeting to order.

2. CME Rational Document

The document entitled "Rationale for an electronic Canadian Mennonite Encyclopedia" which Bert had circulated via e-mail on Dec. 4 was reviewed. A revised copy was prepared by Sam Steiner and others during the lunch break. Further revisions were made to this document in the afternoon. (See document entitled "Canadian Mennonite Encyclopedia" dated 971205.)

AGREED that Archives Committee recommend a **Canadian Mennonite Encyclopedia** editorial committee be established consisting of Bert Friesen (chair), Sam Steiner, Linda Huebert Hecht, Abe Dueck, Ken Reddig, Alf Redekopp, Richard Thiessen, Victor Wiebe, and David Giesbrecht, and that the committee should have the power to add further members.

AGREED that the Archives Committee recommend that the MHSC board approve the implementation of the project as outlined in the "rational document" and commit \$5,000 annually for the next three years on a matching fund basis. (Thus if \$5,000 annually is raised from non-MHSC sources the project would have resources of \$10,000. If \$10,000 additional is raised, the project would have a budget of \$15,000. If only \$1,000 is raised, the project would have a budget of \$2,000.)

3. Next Steps re. implementation of the CME project

AGREED that we will communicate via e-mail regarding further assignments such as implementing the fund raising and compiling lists of articles titles for the project.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Recorded by  
Alf Redekopp