## Andreas Killian Family Planning Session for 75<sup>th</sup> Reunion Mt. Zion Lutheran Church November 16, 2008 2pm

The purpose of the meeting was to begin planning for the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion and review efforts of update to Yates Killian booklet.

Those attending were: Dan Sipe, Eric Killian, Joe Killian, Kim Sipe, Wayne Setzer, Brenda and Lee Killian, Sandy Phillips, Charles and Cheryl Killian, Linda Hoyle, and Steve Killian. Missing were Chip Killian and Doris Pope who were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

Sandy Phillips, Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the 2008 Business Meeting Minutes for corrections. The unapproved minutes will be posted on the website as soon as possible. The Treasury Report was reviewed as well as the current account balance of \$1,529.18.

A quick review of this year's gathering made the following comments:

The Caterer was very good.

The catering contract needs more scrutiny.

The out-of-towners felt the accommodations needed improvement.

The speakers were very good. Some felt a speaker on Sunday was unnecessary.

Not having nametags or sign-in was a problem.

A welcome committee is needed to register and greet everyone.

The Boy Scout Barbecue on Saturday was a convenient and lucky bonus.

A synopsis of the interesting topics discussed by speakers would be great to have for the website and newsletter.

Nonprofit status was briefly mentioned as a high priority and is an ongoing project led by Chip Killian.

Wayne Setzer, Webmaster, reported that he has 25 more people on the newsletter email list. After much discussion, the group decided to include all Minutes to Business Meeting on the website. Primary concern is that there be no personal identity risk.

The Executive Committee email address, exec@andreaskillian.com, will have only email addresses of current executive committee members and Board of Directors.

Correspondence as related to the book was discussed. Topics included copyright law as it relates to genealogy and the proper documentation of supporting factual information.

Cheryl Killian, Book Editor, discussed at length the status of information gathered for the book. Included in this discussion was the amount of information on each child of Andreas Killian and what needs to be done. Recommendation was made and carried that the book be reduced in size from a hardbound book to a booklet. The members also discussed at length and concluded that it was necessary for the Editor to have full

privilege and rights to make any changes to content in order to achieve consistency and quality.

2000 Big Reunion Recap: The board looked back at our most successful and celebratory Reunion of 2000. This was the first attempt to have an extensive 3-day reunion filled each day with activities. Those involved in the planning and execution of that reunion were Linda Hoyle, Eddie Killian, James Greene, and Lee and Brenda Killian. Preparation was done for an entire year. Advertising for the reunion was primarily through the website and Killian-L. Forms were available for print off the website. On the form, attendees signed up for various events, each with the appropriate charge. This form was mailed along with a check to Linda Hoyle with a deadline of August 31. 115 people came. Activities included tour of cemeteries, the Killian museum with donuts and coffee and genealogy workshop. A barbecue was held at Murray's Mill. T shirts were also sold online and at the reunion.

The most notable problem was accommodating people without reservations.

The organizational layout and responsibilities for the 2009 75<sup>th</sup> Reunion:

Welcome Committee: Responsibilities include a registration table with registration, nametags, and T-shirt sales. Hotel activity boards with maps and welcome signs on hotel marquees are also handled by this group. Brenda and Lee Killian are on this committee.

Registration Committee and Lodging: Responsibilities include securing arrangements with local hotels, campgrounds etc. Eric Killian and Steve Killian are on this committee.

Scheduling/Agenda Committee: (Sorry guys, my notes fell short on this...) Joe Killian and Dan Killian.

Cemetery Committee: Responsibilities include placing roses before the reunion. A database of tombstones by cemetery will be drafted and available. Wayne Setzer will work on the database.

Wreath Dedication Subcommittee – A laying of a wreath on Andreas' grave at Old St. Pauls will be handled by Linda Hoyle and Eric Killian.

Program Committee: Responsibilities include securing speakers, facilities, meals and a group photographer. Dan Sipe will take on this project.

Advertisement/Web/Mailings Committee: Responsibilities include newspaper announcements, web announcements, newsletter and mailings. Kim Sipe, Wayne Setzer, and Charles Killian are on this committee.

Graphic Design Committee: Responsibilities include T-shirt design and production as well as a 75<sup>th</sup> logo for correspondence. Sandy Phillips and Steve Killian are on this committee.