



MAHANOY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The regular meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 7 PM in the Rhoades Downtown Center. Attending were: Tom Ward, Peg Coombe, Paul Coombe, Peg Grigalonis, Betty Ann Chescattie, Marylou Henninger, Charles Savage, Dr. Russell Bachert, and Elaine Luschas. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Paul Coombe.

MINUTES

The minutes were read and approved on a motion by Peg Grigalonis and seconded by Marylou Henninger.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report indicated the following balances:

General Account - \$17,618.11

Paypal - \$548.37

Newspaper Project - \$2,879.81

The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Elaine Luschas and seconded by Charles Savage.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Schuylkill County Visitors Bureau – Hist. Soc. has opted not to advertise there

COMMITTEES

Membership: no report

Room Manager:

1. McCloskey items have been received and are on display. Marylou Henninger will write up a brief commentary to accompany it.
2. Paul Coombe has suggested that all the Mahanoy Area yearbooks be locked up. The yearbooks will be scanned upon completion of the newspaper scanning.
3. Peg Coombe is instructed to write a letter to ARDCO expressing our interest in renting the first floor room across from the elevator. We are willing to pay \$100 per month rent, with the first year's rent paid in advance. It would be an additional plus if the room could be made available by the sesquicentennial.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- I. \$2300 has been raised for the Upper Schuylkill Concert Band to perform in 3 concerts; The Memorial Day concert, the concert at the high rise, and the Rhoades Memorial Concert.

- II. Book Sale Report: To date, 290 copies of the new book have been sold, as well as 40 plus copies of the old book.
- III. Upcoming Events:
July 6 – Community Day
August 10-11 - Lithuanian Days at Schuylkill Mall
August 22 at 10 AM – Post office 75th anniversary ceremony
November 14 – Historical Society presentation on Medal of Honor Awarded to Messerschmidt.
- IV. Afghan Sales: More than 75 afghans have been sold. The order of the original 75 plus an addition 50 afghans is expected to be delivered on June 3.
- V. Newspaper Project: On a motion by Elaine Luschas and seconded by Betty Ann Chescattie, the newspaper project account will remain open after the newspaper scanning is completed.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. The All Star Polka Band has offered to play a free concert which has been tentatively set for August 18, 2013 from 6-8 PM.
- II. The copy machine is broken and needs to be replaced. Paul Coombe will attend Bloomsburg's Trash to Treasures to look for possible purchases. On a motion by Peg Grigalonis and seconded by Marylou Henninger, Tom Ward is given permission to take possession of the old copier and repair at his own expense if possible.
- III. Frank Selgrath received a thank you letter from Father Ogden in which he complimented the new book and plans to send a copy to Bishop Rhoades.
- IV. A proposal to organize the plastic storage bins has been tabled until the possibility of the acquisition of the new room is addressed.
- V. Plans for a sesquicentennial float have been tabled until the June meeting.
- VI. Peg Grigalonis proposed a van tour of patches and historic sights during the sesquicentennial celebration. This will be explored further.
- VII. Paul Coombe suggested that a meeting to discuss our sesquicentennial ideas should be held prior to the regular June meeting. The meeting should be held after the next Sesquicentennial Committee meeting, which will be on June 16. Email contact will be made regarding scheduling.
- VIII. Betty Ann Chescattie suggested exploring the possibility of a Historical Society flyer.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Marylou Henninger and seconded by Betty Ann Chescattie.

