



MAHANOY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 7 PM at the Rhoades Downtown Center. Attending were Frank Senglar, Bettie Ann Chescattie, Ramon Soto, Peg Coombe, Paul Coombe, Kathy Wufsus, Charles Savage, Elaine Luschas, Francis Burke and Ana Granados. Vice President Frank Senglar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Kathy Wufsus.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November, 2011 meeting were read and approved on a motion by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Bettie Ann Chescattie.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report indicated the following balances:

General Account: \$5063.41 (includes \$197.29 in Memorial fund monies)

Paypal: \$549.37

CD: \$ 10,055.73 (matures 02/10/12 0.10%)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A thank you note from the Mahanoy City Borough for the Historical Society's participation In the Christmas Tree Lighting
2. A letter from Tim Gruber informing us that the Vital Records Bill was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the governor.
3. An e-mail from Peg Grigalonis concerning the History Fair to be held at the Fairlane Mall on Saturday, February 11 and a project to have Augusta Thomas's history of the Mahanoy City High School transcribed to a CD.

COMMITTEES

Membership: Membership stands at 142 with 110 paid for 2012

Room Manager: Ramon Soto will make an updated list of new accessions with name and date.



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Logo Committee:

Frank Senglar presented a design for a new sign for the window of the Historical Society room. Suggestions were made for tweaking the design. On a motion by Charles Savage and seconded by Bettie Ann Chescattie the group voted to have Frank Senglar meet with the designer to complete the project.

Ramon Soto volunteered to pay for the cost of the window logo.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Paul Coombe reported that the new Mahanoy History web site went on line on December 21, 2011. New material is added on a weekly basis and thus far more than 900 people have visited the site.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of dropping the price of the Mahanoy Area Images book. Motion by Charles Savage and seconded by Kathy Wufsus to lower price to \$18.00 was approved.
2. Discussion of the society's dues structure. Peg Coombe volunteered to research other local historical groups to see what their dues structure is.
3. Discussion of possible speaker programs for 2012 including Bob Fallan for a spring talk on early Mahanoy history, Tom Ward Jr. in the fall for a picture presentation and Denise Donmoyer of the Pine Grove Historical Society for a talk on the history of the early canals of east central Pennsylvania.
4. Frank Senglar reported that four 16mm films of the 1963 centennial celebration have been given to the society by the Mahanoy City Public Library. They will be viewed with the possibility that another Centennial DVD can be made.
5. A discussion of a project proposed by Peg Grigalonis to honor residents of the Mahanoy area who have made a mark in local and state government. The group requested that Peg be contacted to make a presentation at a future meeting concerning the project, the materials needed to complete, and the cost.
6. Francis Burke inquired about the whereabouts of a Scott and Williams Circular Knitting Machine that was donated to the historical society circa 2003. The machine had most recently been placed in storage in the Service Electric Co. garage on West Maple Street, but is no longer there. Paul Coombe said he would correspond with Service Electric Co to see if they know where the machine is.
7. Discussion of the new Mahanoy Area Images book to be published by Arcadia Press with a targeted completion by the fall of 2012.
8. Elaine Luschas presented the society with a picture book of the 2010 Christmas House Tour.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, February 23, 2012

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ramon Soto, seconded by Peg Coombe.



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