



MAHANOY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held Monday, June 30, 2008 at the Augusta Thomas House at 420 East Mahanoy Street, Mahanoy City, PA. Attending were: Frank Senglar, Tom Ward, Peg Coombe, Angela Witconis, Dolly Wagner, Joseph Flamini, Rose Flamini, Peg Grigalonis, Bob Fallan, Charles Savage, Kathy Wufsus, and Mark Zucker.

President Frank Senglar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Kathy Wufsus.

MINUTES

- The minutes of the May meeting were read, with a motion to accept by Peg Grigalonis and seconded by Kathy Wufsus.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The treasurer's report, submitted by Angela Witconis, indicated a balance of \$13,278.87 in the general fund and \$1688.06 in the Memorial Savings Fund. Paypal account balance is \$239.45, and the CD value, which matures 10-6-08, is \$1081.55. The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Bob Fallan and seconded by Joseph Flamini.

CORRESPONDENCE

- There was no correspondence to report.



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COMMITTEES

- **Museum Room:** Frank Senglar reported that slides of the Centennial parade have been acquired, but a viewer is needed for them. Peg Grigalonis said she has one that will be made available. Bob Fallan reported that the County Historical Society is working on a pictorial presentation about the New Deal that will be shown to area schools in the Fall. They are looking for any applicable pictures to use, and will give recognition to our Historical Society for any materials provided. Peg Grigalonis mentioned that the library also has information that may be of interest.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Peg Grigalonis updated the group on the upcoming events honoring Victor Schertzinger. During the weekend of July 11 -12 the Schuylkill County Council for the Arts will induct Mr. Schertzinger into the County Hall of Fame. One of his movies will be shown at the Sovereign Majestic Theatre, and there will be an evening of food and music. Frank Selgrath is creating a board of pictures for the event. Frank Senglar will be responsible for transporting Mr. Schertzinger's Oscar to the event. On July 1, Peg Grigalonis will travel to Reading to tape an interview with Comcast, presenting information on Mr. Schertzinger. Peg Grigalonis will also be responsible for setting up a display at the July 11-12 event, as well as arranging for a picture of Mr. Schertzinger to be enlarged for display in the Hall of Fame. Joseph Flamini made a motion that the Historical Society will pay for the ticket fee for 2 members to attend the July function. The motion was seconded by Tom Ward.
- The tribute for Bill O'Brien is still under discussion. Bob Fallan will contact Pat Brown regarding obtaining the originals of the newspaper obituary and photograph. Frank Senglar will contact Loretta Murphy for ideas and input. Frank Senglar will then establish a committee to further explore options for the tribute.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rose Flamini asked whether the by-laws were in need of revision. Frank Senglar responded that care just needs to be taken with wording when responding to monetary requests.
- Frank Senglar presented the option of putting \$10,000 from the general fund into a 3 month money market, but it would mean closing and re-opening an account every 3 months to maximize interest. Charles Savage inquired as to using Oppenheimer. Angela Witconis said that since the Society is non-profit, anything that is done with funds must be bank-backed. Angela Witconis will explore 6 month and 12 month CD's and money market funds and present further options at the next Executive Meeting.



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New Business (Cont.)

- Frank Senglar requested that the members of the Society make a further effort to promote the sale of the Smoke Shop and Centennial DVD's. Tom Ward will arrange for an advertisement on the television roll-around. Bob Fallan will see that information gets into the newspaper. Frank Senglar has already prepared a flyer, and will give some to Peg Grigalonis and Rose Flamini for distribution. Mark Zucker will post the DVD for sale through Paypal on our web-site. Peg Grigalonis will also contact Shirley Ryan and request that she publicize the DVD's through her email contacts.
- Frank Senglar suggested the purchase of a CD/DVD duplicator for the Historical Society. He proposed the purchase of a Pioneer 2 target burner that would be a stand-alone unit, at the cost of approximately \$235. A motion was made by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Tom Ward to authorize this purchase.
- Kathy Wufsus asked about the answering machine message. Bob Fallan will be changing the message on the machine in the Historical Room.
- Mark Zucker discussed his proposal for a re-design of the web-site, making it more interactive and user-friendly. He proposed the inclusion of a storefront which will allow for easier purchasing and dues payment.
- President Frank Senglar formally thanked Mr. Charles Savage on behalf of the Historical Society for allowing us to visit the beautifully restored Augusta Thomas House. A brief history of Augusta Thomas was presented by Peg Grigalonis. Charles Savage discussed his renovation of the home and the acquisition of some of the antique furnishings.

Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M. on a motion by Mark Zucker, and seconded by Bob Fallan. The next meeting will be held at the Downtown Center on Monday, July 28, 2008 at 7 P.M. An Executive Meeting will be held at 1 P.M. on Thursday, July 24.

Peg Coombe, Secretary
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