



MAHANOY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held Monday, October 27, 2008 in the meeting rooms of the Mahanoy Area Downtown Center. Attending were: Peg Coombe, Thomas Ward, Francis Senglar, Charles Savage, Joan Goodman, Bob Fallan, Kathy Wufsus, and Angela Witconis.

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

MINUTES

- Minutes of the August meeting were read and approved, with a motion to accept by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Joan Goodman. There were no minutes for September because there were not enough members at the scheduled September meeting to establish a quorum.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Angela Witconis reported that as of September 29, 2008 the following balances were reflected: General Fund - \$15,488.94 PayPal Account - \$259.55
- CD, which matures 10-6-08, - \$1081.55
- Account balances as of October 27, 2008 are as follows: General Fund - \$6,069.59
- Included in the General Fund are Memorial Fund Monies in the amount of \$1,708.76.
- Balance in CD, which matures 11-10-09, is \$11,137.38. Included in the CD are Memorial Fund Monies of \$1,137.38. Paypal balance remains at \$259.55.
- The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Tom Ward.



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CORRESPONDENCE

- Requests were received from both the Mahanoy Area Junior Class and the Golf Team for a donation. It was noted that the Historical Society has a policy not to make such donations.
- A letter from Westfield Group/ Seltzer Insurance Company was received, requesting to re-evaluate coverage. It was decided that no action is needed at this time.
- Schuylkill County Visitors Bureau sent an application for renewal of membership, which gives a listing in their book, at a cost of \$40. It was moved and seconded by Joan Goodman and Kathy Wufsus that the Society advertise in this manner. Joan Goodman will contact them to see if we meet their deadline.

COMMITTEES

- **Artifacts:** Tom Ward reported that the local Boy Scouts asked for their things to be returned to them since they are becoming active again. The items they donated have been returned.
- **Room:** Bob Fallan picked up the plaque in honor of Bill O'Brien. A misprint has been discovered on the plaque and it will be returned to the company for correction.
- **Community Preservation:** Joan Goodman reported that the plaque for Zion Baptist Church has been received. Tom Ward reported that the plaque presentation service has been scheduled for Saturday, November 15 at 2 PM at Zion Baptist Church. There will be a buffet reception following the service at a cost of \$15. Seating is limited and interested persons may see Tom Ward for tickets. Joan Goodman also reported that the wording for the plaque for St. Paul's Church has been approved and the plaque will be ordered. It was suggested that St. Paul's might be interested in hosting this year's Christmas gathering which alternates among community churches. Kathy Wufsus will contact Rose Flamini and look into this possibility.
- **Membership:** Frank Senglar reported that membership stands at 256, with 120 paid through 2007 and 133 paid through 2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- At the Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2008, Frank Selgrath made the officers aware that the Historical Society's by-laws require the existence of separate Memorial Fund monies. Mr. Selgrath agreed that listing the Memorial Funds as a line item in the Treasurer's report would be acceptable, rather than making adjustments to existing accounts. Angela Witconis explained that there is a Memorial Book which documents all Memorial Fund donations. A motion to list the Memorial Fund monies as line items in the treasurer's report, keeping current account balances the same, was made by Tom Ward and seconded by Bob Fallan. The motion was passed unanimously.



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NEW BUSINESS

- Frank Senglar proposed that the Historical Society purchase desk calendars to give out during the holiday season for a small donation. The calendars will list the telephone number, website, address, and hours for the Historical Society. A motion was made by Joan Goodman and seconded by Charles Savage to order 100 desk calendars at a cost of \$114.
- A motion was made by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Charles Savage that the Historical Society use Memorial Fund monies in the amount of \$400 to purchase one of the new Christmas wreaths that will be part of the community's holiday street light decorations.
- A motion was made by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Bob Fallan to donate \$300 from the Memorial Fund to the Rhoades Fund.
- It was noted that the Historical Society will not be open for Veteran's Day on Tuesday, November 11.
- Frank Senglar proposed the idea of putting out a newsletter in the near future. After discussion, it was agreed that it would be more practical to incorporate a newsletter as part of our website. Peg Coombe has agreed to write a newsletter for the website if provided with input as to content. However, it was noted that the current person in charge of our website has not been updating in a timely fashion. Tom Ward will find out who sets up the library's website and at what cost, and the Society will explore other possible individuals to manage our website.

ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 on a motion by Bob Fallan and seconded by Tom Ward. The next meeting will be held at 7 PM on Monday, November 24, 2008. An Executive Committee meeting will be held at 1 PM on Thursday, November 20.

Peg Coombe, Secretary
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