



MAHANOY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held in the Rhoades Downtown Center on Thursday, March 25, 2010. Attending were Frank Senglar, Tom Ward, Angela Witconis, Peg Coombe, Francis Burke, Kathy Wufsus, Joseph Flamini, Rose Flamini, Dolly Wagner, and Ramon Soto. President Frank Senglar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer by Kathy Wufsus.

MINUTES

Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved on a motion by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Francis Burke. There was no meeting held in February due to inclement weather.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report indicated the following balances:

Checking account - \$2,803.96

Memorial Fund - \$156.60 (includes \$5.69 interest)

Paypal - \$549.00

CD - \$10,025.24 (matures 5/10/2010, earning 0.25% interest)

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Tom Ward and seconded by Joe Flamini.

CORRESPONDENCE

Several requests were received for donations, which were regrettably refused as is current policy.

Letter from author Dennis McInay was received advertising his availability as a speaker.

PPL donation was received and a thank-you will be sent.

COMMITTEES

Membership: Membership stands at 126, with 84 paid through 2009 and 42 for 2010 and beyond.

Vice President: Tom Ward reported the following:

1. Phyliss Latta is donating memorabilia, including her brother's WWII medals.
2. The MCHS banner is being prepared for display in the Historical Room.
3. Tom is still researching the deeds to the property at 439 E. Center St., which goes back to Emmanuel Boyer.



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4. Service Electric has asked that the Historical Society remove the items it has in storage in their building. Frank Senglar says it can be moved to the storage area at the rear of M&T Bank.

Room Manager: Ramon Soto reported that the window display was redone by Pat Brown. The newspaper organization is almost completed. Also the back closet area is now filled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ramon Soto reported on options for the decal/insignia for the front window of the Historical Society. No final decision was made. Francis Burke also suggested a pole sign that could be seen from the highway.
2. Tom Ward reported on the success of the county Historical Fair.
3. Pat Brown will be getting together with Frank Senglar in the near future regarding the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

1. It has been suggested that the Historical Society plan special presentations for future meetings. A brainstorming session will be held at the next meeting to generate ideas. It was also suggested that minutes of previous meetings be researched for ideas.
2. It has been suggested that the knitting machine be donated to the County Historical Society for their planned textile exhibit.
3. Volunteers are always needed in order for the Historical Room to maintain its current schedule of open hours. Specifically, a volunteer is currently needed for the Wed. noon to 3 PM shift.
4. All information is in the Historical room in order for the audit to be completed.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Ward and seconded by Joe Flamini. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 7 PM.

Peg Coombe, Secretary