

A meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7 PM at the Rhoades Downtown Center. Attending were: Charles Palulis, Kathy Wufsus, Virginia Motsko, Jim Berezwick, Frank Senglar, Nancy Petritsch, Paul Coombe, And Peg Coombe. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Kathy Wufsus.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Nancy Petritsch and seconded by Kathy Wufsus. It was noted that no meeting was held in February due to three officers being unavailable, and no meeting held in March due to lack of a quorum.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's reports for January, February, and March were presented and accepted on a motion made by Virginia Motsko and seconded by Frank Senglar. Balance on March 31 is \$31,890.12.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Donation request from Upper Schuylkill Band. Donation in the amount of \$100 was approved on a motion made by Nancy Petritsch and seconded by Kathy Wufsus.
2. Letter from Elaine Thiele including a donation of \$200 in memory of Shirley Ryan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update on auctioneer for possible program. Person contacted does not do appraisals. And we have been told we cannot use the facilities at the Resource Center. Matter is tabled until next meeting.
2. Two corner cabinets have been donated by Carmine and Carol Ward Colasante in memory of Tom Ward, Sr. Placement, possible shelf replacement, and lighting will be explored. There is still a further need for cabinets. Paul Coombe will contact the Vo-Tech regarding the possibility of having students build to our needs. Purchase is on hold for now.
3. The framed projects have been removed from the Teen Canteen and stored in the rear of the bank building. Discussion was held regarding refurbishment and display. There are computer files for the text. Pictures could possibly be scanned and all displayed on the website.
4. There is a store display case still in the Teen Canteen which will be evaluated for possible removal and use.
5. The possibility of a postcard book will continue to be looked into.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Barbara Ward is currently organizing and retyping the Augusta Dillman Thomas papers as a volunteer project through her employer.
2. Additional name plaques for the Memorial Plaque are in progress at Delrose Awards in Lansford.
3. Paul Coombe presented information on Joe Evanowski, known as the Anthracite Artist, who draws coal region scenes. A motion was made by Virginia Motsko and seconded by Kathy Wufsus to retroactively approve an expenditure of \$201 to purchase note cards with four different scenes at \$3.50 per set, and coloring books at \$3.00 per book which will be sold for a

small profit. Mr. Evanowski is also considering our offer to do sketches of places in town which we would then reproduce and sell.

4. The historical room will be open for Community Day in July, and a video loop of historical information and pictures will play during that time.
5. The room will not be open for Memorial Day.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Nancy Petritsch and seconded by Frank Senglar.

Next meeting will be held on May 30.

Peg Coombe, Secretary