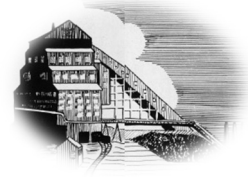




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The regular monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held at the Rhoades Downtown Center on Thursday, **February 26, 2015**, at 6 PM. Attending were Paul Coombe, Peg Coombe, Betty Ann Chescattie, Marylou Henninger, and Tom Ward (via speakerphone). The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Paul Coombe.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the November, 2014 meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Betty Ann Chescattie and seconded by Paul Coombe. Note: No meeting was held in December or January.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's reports for December, 2014 and January, 2015, as well as the 2014 yearly summaries were read and approved on a motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Marylou Henninger. The balance in the general fund as of January 23, 2015 is \$21,141.51.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A thank-you was received from Mahanoy City Borough for our participation in the Dressing of the Evergreens.
2. A letter was received from Mike Kitsock on behalf of the Schuylkill County Firefighters' Museum. Their organization is planning a presentation on the 1945 Memorial Day Fire, and has asked for our participation and input. The program is to be held sometime during the upcoming Memorial Day weekend and will be at the Mahanoy Area High School complex. A motion was made by Marylou Henninger and seconded by Betty Ann Chescattie to approve our participation in this event.

#### **COMMITTEES**

Programs – Thanks in great part to the efforts of Tom Ward, the Chesko program was a tremendous success. It was well attended and Mr. Chesko received a great number of commendations. A recognition which arrived belatedly from the Belgian Embassy will be presented at a later date.

Membership – Membership stands at 235 paid through 2015 and beyond.

Room – The Barnesville Cub Scout Pack and their parents visited the historical museum on the evening of February 24. The scouts were given a photo presentation by Paul Coombe, followed by a team treasure hunt in order to explore some of the room's artifacts. In addition, the historical room has received a clean-up and re-organization due to the efforts of Paul Coombe, Virginia Motsko, Ed Conrad, LaRue Flammer, and Peg Coombe.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. The members discussed existing film which can possibly be sent away for digitization. This will be explored further.
2. Paul Coombe spoke to Champ Holman regarding the back room at the bank. The contents will be disposed of at our discretion, with Duke's Salvage being contacted to remove unwanted items. File cabinets and a desk will be moved to our research room. At that time shelves from Service Electric garage will be moved to the bank back room for storage purposes.
3. Preservation of possible acquisitions from the old Kaier brewery were discussed.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Paul Coombe and seconded by Betty Ann Chescattie.  
The next regular meeting will be on March 26, 2015