

The Mahanoy Area Historical Society held a meeting at the Rhoades Downtown Center on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7PM. Attending were: Peg Coombe, Paul Coombe, Peg Grigalonis, Virginia Motsko, Mary Lou Henninger, and Charles Palulis. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Paul Coombe.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 2017 were read, amended, and approved on a motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Mary Lou Henninger.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's reports for November through March were presented by Paul Coombe and accepted on a motion made by Mary Lou Henninger and seconded by Charles Palulis. The report indicated a balance of \$27,109.65 as of March 31.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A donation was received from a Dress Down Day held by the Mahanoy Area Education Association.
2. A notice was received from the PA Historical Preservation Office indicating that the Merchant's Bank is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Submission of paper work to include photos and site plan is necessary. It was proposed that the Borough Council and/or Borough Manager be consulted before further steps are taken.
3. Schuylkill County Visitors Bureau is holding a Travel and Tourism Expo at Fairlane Mall on May 13 from 10-3
4. Dan Lynch responded to questions by Peg Grigalonis regarding the Kaier Park and Kaier brew house footprint. He indicated that the steering committee needs to meet in the near future to address these and other issues.
5. A thank you will be signed by the officers and sent to Michael Woody acknowledging his very generous donation to the historical society.
6. A letter was received requesting a donation to this season's concerts by the Upper Schuylkill Band. On a motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Mary Lou Henninger, a check in the amount of \$125 was approved. This will be a \$100 donation from the historical society and a \$25 reimbursement to the band from a check erroneously made out to the Historical Society by Marjorie Fletcher, but intended for the Upper Schuylkill Band.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. An audit of the 2016 treasurer's reports has still not taken place. Virginia Motsko has agreed to perform the audit, and will ask Betty Ann Chescattie to assist her.
2. A discussion took place regarding what was saved from the Kaier demolition. The large concrete K is now in our possession and will go in the Kaier Park. Additionally, some 50 bricks have been salvaged for the historical society as well as several large pallets of bricks to be used for a proposed wall at the Kaier Park.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accessions for January through April include a collection of barbershop memorabilia, World War I photos and memorabilia from Monica Capone Blum, newspaper scrapbooks compiled by Wally Starkey, a large collection of holy cards, and a copy of the town charter. New acquisitions include an assortment of office supplies and a display case purchased in large part by donations in memory of John Mark Stitzer.
2. Tom Flamini has offered to have his musical group perform a benefit concert for the historical society. It was proposed that a dinner be held in 2018 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society. Mr. Flamini will be asked if his group would perform as the entertainment at that event.
3. As part of the 29th annual Ethnic Day to be held on Saturday, June 3, the historical society will hold various events to recognize the arts in the Mahanoy Area. Events will include entertainment by Jay Smar, video presentations, workshops, and a photo contest.
4. Abby Fedor drew two pencil sketches of Kaier's at our request. On a motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Virginia Motsko, a \$200 stipend for her efforts was approved. In addition, should the historical society decide to reproduce these drawings as a fund raiser, Ms. Fedor will receive half of the profits.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Virginia Motsko. The date of the next meeting is To Be Announced.

Peg Coombe, Secretary