

The regular meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 7 PM at the Rhoades Downtown Center. Attending were: Peg Coombe, Paul Coombe, Jim Shaup, Virginia Motsko, Ann Evans, Charles Palulis, and Kathy Wufsus. Peg Grigalonis attended via phone.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Paul Coombe.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 2016 meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Jim Shaup and seconded by Ann Evans. A procedural change was approved on a motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Jim Shaup. In future, minutes to be approved will be sent out by email prior to meetings, and read by the secretary at meetings in lieu of printed copies for attendees.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Approval of the November and December 2016 treasurer's reports are tabled until the next meeting.

The end of year report and 2016 budget analysis were accepted on a motion made by Virginia Motsko and seconded by Ann Evans.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Donation request from softball team. Not acted upon as per policy.
2. History Fair will be held at Fairlane Mall on Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 10-3. We are registered and will be represented by several members.
3. Further communication was received from Scott Herring regarding the 250th anniversary of Anthracite Coal scheduled for 2018.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Lois Griffiths and Sally Irvin have agreed to perform an audit. Peg Coombe will contact them regarding scheduling. A motion was made by Jim Shaup and seconded by Virginia Motsko to have only the books from 2016 audited. A stipend of \$50 will be given to each of the auditors.
2. The new accession sheet reflects the historical society's policy of not giving back donated items.
3. Reminder about the Ethnic Day in June which will include a presentation by the historical society on the arts.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Membership report by Paul Coombe indicates a total of 203 paid through 2017.
2. Peg Grigalonis has applied for a grant through the Pennsylvania Historical Commission to refurbish the Merchants Bank sign and possibly the building interior.
3. The 2017 budget was presented by Paul Coombe and accepted on a motion made by Jim Shaup and seconded by Kathy Wufsus.
4. Approval for the purchase of a display case at the approximate price of \$2400 was approved on a motion made by Virginia Motsko and seconded by Kathy Wufsus. The case will be paid for in part by donations made in memory of John Mark Stitzer, and will include a commemorative plaque.
5. Discussion was held regarding updating the wall memorial plaque. It was also suggested that memorial donations be listed in the newspaper in order to expand exposure.
6. Room hours will be posted in the front window.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Jim Shaup and seconded by Kathy Wufsus. The next regular meeting will be held in April, or will be scheduled before that time only if needed.

