

The regular meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 7 PM at the Rhoades Downtown Center. Attending were: Paul Coombe, Peg Grigalonis, Betty Ann Chescattie, Ed Conrad, Virginia Motsko, Tom Ward, and Peg Coombe. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Tom Ward.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Virginia Motsko and seconded by Betty Ann Chescattie.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$22,159.52 as of March 31, 2015. The report was accepted on a motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Virginia Motsko.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from Upper Schuylkill Band requesting sponsorship, which was approved as provided for in the budget.
2. Boscov's Friends Helping Friends – opted for non-participation
3. Announcement for Victorian Architectural Conference in Philadelphia
4. PPL donation check
5. Letter from Citizen's Fire Company requesting a donation for their car cruise event on May 23. Approval was given for donation of an afghan.

### **COMMITTEES**

**Program** – A citation from the Belgian Embassy has been received, which will be presented to Francis Chesko at his convenience.

**Membership** – membership stands at 228

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Demolition of the Kaier Brewery was discussed. Borough Manager, Dan Lynch, has asked us to consider what we would like to have efforts made to preserve. Letter 'K' in circle, KAIER letters on top of building, star, bricks, and ladder for brew tank were all mentioned.
2. Discussion continued on the clearing out of the bank back room.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Dates for Upper Schuylkill Band concerts: May 24 at 1:30 at the tank at Catawissa and Centre; Sat., July 11 before the fireworks; Wed., July 15 at 7 at the High Rise; and Wed., August 12 at 7 at the Rhoades Building.
2. The budget for 2015 was presented and approved on a motion made by Virginia Motsko and seconded by Paul Coombe.
3. Sale items signs and forms need to be made.
4. Tom Ward, Jr. will repair and hang the Kaier sign.

5. External drives containing the digitized newspaper files need to be continually replaced to keep them safely backed up.
6. Options for a golf/genealogy program were discussed.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Tom Ward and seconded by Paul Coombe. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 7 PM.