

The regular meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held at the Rhoades Downtown Center on **Thursday, January 28, 2016** at 7 PM. Attending were: Paul Coombe, Peg Coombe, Betty Ann Chescattie, Susan Kester, Virginia Motsko, Joan Goodman, Francis Burke, and Charles Palulis. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Paul Coombe.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 2015 meeting were approved on a motion made by Joan Goodman and seconded by Betty Ann Chescattie.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$22,225.26 as of December 31, 2015. The year end report was also presented. Both reports were accepted on a motion made by Virginia Motsko and seconded by Joan Goodman.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A thank-you note/ commendation and donation from Jack Malinowski was received and read.
2. A mailer was received from Robert Hughes describing his availability for a presentation on John Mitchell. Paul Coombe will contact him for more information on a possible program personalized toward Mahanoy City.

COMMITTEES

Room Manager:

1. 16 and 8 mm. films were sent to Coraopolis for digitization and should be completed shortly.
2. A number of acquisitions were received from Charles Palulis from the belongings of his sister, Audrey.
3. Items were donated from the Visiting Nurse upon their closure. Among the items is a table and chairs originally from Union National Bank, which are now located in the museum room.
4. Ron Lobichusky donated film of the J & A fire and Memorial Day fire.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Passage of a motion made by Susan Kester and seconded by Betty Ann Chescattie to approve the purchase of a commemorative clock to be presented to Peg Grigalonis as Elks Citizen of the Year 2016.
2. Passage of a motion made by Virginia Motsko and seconded by Joan Goodman to authorize the purchase of 80 Mahanoy Area Revisited books from Arcadia to take advantage of a limited time sale price.
3. Discussion of payment of the current rent due for the research room. Francis Burke will check on the balance due and confirm lease.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Permission was given to Francis Burke to fill out applications for participation in the Jim Thorpe and Girardville parades.
2. Francis Burke has some footage of the Mahanoy Township 1999 150th year celebration that he will make available.
3. Francis Burke will represent the historical society in this year's Mahanoy City Memorial Day parade.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Virginia Motsko and seconded by Joan Goodman. The next regular meeting will be held on the last Thursday in February.