

The Mahanoy Area Historical Society held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 7 PM at the Rhoades Downtown Center. Attending were: Paul Coombe, Frank Senglar, Charles Palulis, Nancy Petritsch, Betty Ann Chescattie, and Peg Coombe. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Paul Coombe.

MINUTES

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Betty Ann Chescattie and seconded by Frank Senglar

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$31,387.58 as of August 31. The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion made by Frank Senglar and seconded by Betty Ann Chescattie.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A check for \$81.78 was received as the final distribution of the Marle Becker estate.
2. The Greater Shenandoah Historical Society is celebrating 20 years with a dinner at the Fountain Springs Country Inn on Thursday, November 1, at 6 PM. Cost is \$30 plus cash bar, and RSVP is by October 24. This dinner will also honor the Twardzik family.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Menu for the banquet was chosen as follows: meatballs, turkey in gravy, and baked ham. Side dishes of mashed potatoes, stuffing, and green beans. Menu choices will be given to Agosti's tomorrow, September 28.
2. It was agreed to let Ann Evans order cupcakes for the banquet.
3. Paul Coombe gave a banquet update:
 - A. Current attendance count stands at 100.
 - B. The band will be playing after the meal, and providing piped in music for happy hour.
 - C. John Usalis will be doing an overview article in the Republican Herald.
 - D. The booklet will be printed and bound at the historical room.
4. The issue of the Marle Becker case is again tabled.
5. Historical Room items will be available for sale during happy hour.

NEW BUSINESS

1. On a motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Betty Ann Chescattie, it was agreed that the historical society place an ad in the Republican Herald's special insert commemorating the 250th anniversary of anthracite coal. Cost not to exceed \$206.
2. We were notified that there is a mold issue at the Teen Canteen which will require the removal of the pictures on display on the wall and the large furniture type display panels.
3. AARDCO will no longer be able to provide the historical society with internet connection, and our current telephone line is also not working. It became necessary to explore other options expeditiously, and a three year contract has been signed with Service Electric that will provide

telephone and internet for about \$100 per month. This has been retroactively approved on a motion made by Frank Senglar and seconded by Betty Ann Chescattie.

4. Paul Coombe reported that he received information that the minutes from Mahanoy City Borough Council meetings dating from the 1860's into the 1990's are on microfilm at the State Historical Society. Purchase options will be explored.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Nancy Petritsch and seconded by Frank Senglar. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, October 25.

Peg Coombe, Secretary