



MAHANNOY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The regular meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held at the Rhoades Downtown Center on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 7 PM. Attending were: Tom Ward, Paul Coombe, Peg Coombe, Betty Ann Chescattie, Charles Savage, Ron Andruscavage, and Kathy Wufsus. President Tom Ward opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Paul Coombe.

MINUTES

The minutes were read and stand as approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report indicated the following balances:

General Account - \$7,363.45

Paypal - \$548.37

Newspaper Project - \$4,574.81

CD - \$5,061.00

The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Charles Savage.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEES

Membership: Membership stands at 154, with 59 paid through 2012 and 95 paid through 2013 and beyond.

Room Manager: There is an ongoing need for volunteers to assist with the volume of work which needs to be done in the historical room. A new accession form is now being used. Options for organization of accessions were discussed. During the sesquicentennial week expanded room hours are planned.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1.The new book will be available sometime in May.
- 2.Paypal account has yet to be activated but is being looked into.
- 3.The Christmas tree displayed in the room's window won first place in the town's holiday contest.
- 4.A motion was made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Charles Savage to donate \$100 toward the second annual Rhoades Memorial Concert.
- 5.A print-out was provided detailing the progress of the Record American newspaper scanning.



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NEW BUSINESS

1. Possibilities for recognizing memorial donations of \$200 or more were discussed, including acknowledgment on the website, local newspaper, and/or a plaque in the room.
2. An amendment to the by-laws to clarify membership guidelines was approved on a motion by Betty Ann Chescattie and seconded by Kathy Wufsus. A suggestion by Frank Selgrath to have the executive committee reevaluate the entire by-laws was tabled until 2014.
3. Ideas for celebrating the sesquicentennial were discussed.
4. Ron Andruscavage is doing a documentary as his own project and is interested in obtaining interviews and recollections.
5. Plaque presentations to honor current and past presidents of the historical society will tentatively be scheduled for April 9.
6. There will be no meeting in March due to the Easter holiday.

ADJOURN

the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Ron Andruscavage.