



MAHANOY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 7 PM at the Rhoades Downtown Center. Attending were Tom Ward, Frank Senglar, Bettie Ann Chescattie, Ramon Soto, Peg Coombe, Paul Coombe, Kathy Wufsus, Charles Savage, Elaine Luschas, Angela Witconis, Ron Andruscavage and Dolly Wagner.

President Tom Ward opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Paul Coombe.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 26, 2012 meeting were read and approved on a motion by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Bettie Ann Chescattie.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report indicated the following balances:

General Account: \$5319.05 (includes \$197.29 in Memorial fund monies)

Paypal: \$549.37

CD: \$ 10,055.73

Motion by Kathy Wufsus, seconded by Peg Coombe to accept the report passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter from John McNelis , chairman of the Girardville St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee inviting the Mahanoy Area Historical Society to participate in the 2012 parade on March 24th.
Ramon Soto will represent the Historical Society at this year's parade.
2. A letter from the officers of the Mahanoy City Girls' Softball league asking for support of the 1st Annual Jeffrey Donnelly Memorial Softball Tournament. *On a motion by Ramon Soto seconded by Elaine Luschas the Historical Society will support the tournament with a gift basket.*
3. A card from Kathy Wufsus thanking the Historical Society for the plaque presented to her at the Citizen of the Year Gala at the Elks.

COMMITTEES

Membership: 126 paid (69 for 2012 and beyond, 57 for 2011)



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Room Manager: Ramon Soto reported on accessions received during the preceding month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Tom Ward's report:

1. Commented on the new forms Peg Coombe made for keeping track of items for sale.
2. Reported that \$234.00 was made from the sale of books and CD's at the Schuylkill County Historical Fair held at the Fairlane Mall.
3. The Mahanoy City Public Library has donated four 16mm reels of the 1963 Centennial Parade to the Historical Society . Frank Senglar proposed that the films be digitized at a cost of about \$800.00. *Motion by Ramon Soto seconded by Bettie Ann Chescattie to have reels digitized was passed.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Paul Coombe reported on activity on the new Mahanoy History web site.
2. Ramon Soto reported on plans for a Historical Society flyer he will make with help from Anna Granados
3. Elaine Luschas reported on the progress of the Image Book Committee.
4. Report by Tom Ward on the results of a meeting with Borough Manager Dan Lynch concerning the possible move of the Historical Society to the McCann's School Building.
5. A discussion of possible speakers: Bob Cook on Powwow Healing, Steve Vronka on Coal Region History, Charles Adams on local ghosts. *On a motion by Ramon Soto, seconded by Peg Coombe, Bob Cook will be contracted to speak on Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 P.M.* Peg Coombe will inquire if Charles Adams is available for the fall of 2012.
6. A report by Paul Coombe on the feasibility of continuing the Record American digitization project by purchasing a wide bed scanner instead of outsourcing the project. *A motion by Ramon Soto, seconded by Charles Savage to look into the scanner models and costs involved.*
7. Elaine Luschas informed the group of the internet blog of former Mahanoy City resident David Huebner, the United States Ambassador to New Zealand.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, March 29, 2012

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ramon Soto, seconded by Dolly Wagner.