



MAHANOY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held Monday, July 28, 2008 in the meeting rooms of the Mahanoy Area Downtown Center. Attending were: Frank Senglar, Thomas Ward, Angela Witconis, Peg Coombe, Bob Fallan, Rose Flamini, Joseph Flamini, Dolly Wagner, and Charles Savage.

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

MINUTES

- Minutes of the June meeting were read, with a motion to accept by Joseph Flamini, and seconded by Rose Flamini.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The treasurer's report was presented by Angela Witconis. Balance in the General Fund as of July 28, 2008 is \$13,439.81. Memorial Fund Savings balance is \$1688.41. Paypal checking account balance is \$259.55. Certificate of Deposit is valued at \$1081.55 and matures 10-6-08. The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Dolly Wagner and seconded by Bob Fallan.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Secretary Peg Coombe reported that there were two items of correspondence which requested research information. Bob Fallan and Frank Senglar will respond to them with pertinent information.
- Frank Senglar received a letter from author Dennis McIlany describing his new book "The Horseshoe Curve", and advising of his availability to speak to groups. Peg Coombe will telephone him for more details regarding the cost and feasibility of scheduling.

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COMMITTEES

- **Artifacts:** Frank Senglar reported that John Lieberman donated a box of information on the Kaier family, including records about the contesting of Charles Kaier's will. Frank Senglar also received the St. Canicus School drum from Father Glosser.
- **Community Preservation:** Tom Ward reported that the form agreeing to accept responsibility for installing a plaque at the Baptist Church has been signed and will be returned to Joan Goodman.
- **Membership:** Frank Senglar reported that current membership stands at 243, with 123 paid for 2008 and beyond.
- **Museum Room:** Bob Fallan reported that 1 item is still out on loan to the County Historical Society, and that all of the Schertzinger items have been returned and logged in. Bob Fallan also proposed purchasing a disposable camera and taking photos of the museum room to record the contents, and then store the photos off-site. Money will be taken out of petty cash for this purpose. Bob also volunteered to take photos of the Kaier monument in St. Fidelis Cemetery.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Tom Ward reported that the Victor Schertzinger event was an enjoyable evening, attended by several of the members.
- Frank Senglar asked for an update on publicity for DVD sales. Bob Fallan will try to get some newspaper advertising and Tom Ward will extend the television turn-around advertisement. Peg Coombe said that Shirley Ryan has sent email information to her contacts.
- Frank Senglar asked for volunteers to form a committee to explore options for the tribute to Bill O'Brien. Angela Witconis, Dolly Wagner, and Charles Savage have agreed to serve. Dolly Wagner will contact Bill O'Brien's wife for information and a photograph. Bob Fallan will research plaque sizes and costs.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tom Ward requested that the stock of DVD's in the Historical Room be replenished to keep up with demand.
- Treasurer Angela Witconis reported on her research into options for transferring some account balances to money markets or CD's. Tom Ward made a motion to put \$10,000 from the General Fund into a 13 month CD at M&T Bank. The motion was seconded by Joseph Flamini and carried by the group. A motion was made by Rose Flamini to put the balance from the Memorial Fund Savings into the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Bob Fallan and carried by the group. Frank Senglar proposed thinking about consolidating funds further when the CD comes due in October.



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ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM on a motion by Tom Ward and seconded by Charles Savage. The next meeting will be held at 7 PM on Monday, August 25, 2008. An Executive Committee meeting will be held at 1 PM on Thursday, August 21.

Peg Coombe, Secretary
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