



# MAHANOY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held Monday, April 27, 2009 in the meeting rooms of the Mahanoy Area Downtown Center. Attending were: Tom Ward, Peg Coombe, Ramon Soto, Francis Senglar, Angela Witconis, Charles Savage, Swing Flamini, Rose Flamini, Joan Goodman, and Kathy Wufsus.

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

## MINUTES

Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved, with a motion to accept by Swing Flamini and seconded by Kathy Wufsus.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report, submitted by Angela Witconis, indicated a balance of \$4,390.52 in the general fund. PayPal balance is \$556.60. CD balance is \$11,137.38. The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Joan Goodman.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Humane Fire Company requesting sponsorship of a hole in their upcoming golf tournament. Request was denied.

## COMMITTEES

The tribute to Bill O'Brien was reported upon, and a letter by Brenda O'Rourke was read.

**Artifacts:** A wooden cane from the 1933 Chicago World's Fair was donated.

**Membership:** Membership stands at 85 paid for 2008 and 87 paid for 2009.



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**Community Preservation:** Joan Goodman reported that closeouts were done on two \$5000 grants. One grant was for plaques and the other grant was for carpeting, Arcadia books, and a printer. There is no further news on the Silliman House.

**Vice President:** The audit will be done in early May by Lois Griffiths.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Angela Witconis will complete the necessary paperwork from PPL and Peg Coombe will send a thank you for the donation.
2. The website was discussed and concerns noted.
3. Frank Senglar will address the problem of the fading photographs. Tom Ward has originals of some photos that can be used to make new copies.
4. The sending of a newsletter will be addressed when Marjorie Fletcher compiles the necessary lists.
5. The new flag which the Historical Society purchased from the Chamber of Commerce will be on the pole by Memorial Day.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Kris Hendrickson, from WVIA underwriting production, is doing a documentary on historical societies in the Anthracite Region. Ramon Soto will contact him regarding his inquiry.
2. Tom Ward requested a letter of support from the Historical Society for the Mahanoy City Library in its endeavor to get stimulus money from the Department of Agriculture. The members approved the request.
3. The Historical Society will be in the Memorial Day Parade if Francis Burke's vehicle is available for use.
4. Approval was given for the purchase of a small refrigerator for the Historical Room on a motion by Tom Ward and seconded by Kathy Wufsus
5. Approval was given for the purchase of 2 new magnetic signs for the Historical Room on a motion by Swing Flamini and seconded by Charles Savage. Ramon Soto will see to the purchase of the signs.
6. Frank Senglar reported that an individual has some memorabilia to donate, but would like reimbursement for the cost of the shrink wrap that some of the materials are in. The individual will be requested to bring in the materials for members to examine and decide upon.

## ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Swing Flamini and seconded by Ramon Soto. Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, the next meeting will be held at 7 PM on Monday, May 18, 2009, with an Executive Meeting on Thursday, May 14 at 1 PM.

Peg Coombe, Secretary  
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