



MAHANOEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held in the meeting rooms of the James Rhoades Downtown Center on Monday, August 31, 2009. In attendance were: Frank Senglar, Tom Ward, Peg Coombe, Angela Witconis, Ramon Soto, Charles Savage, Joe 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 May, 2009 meeting were read and approved, with a motion to accept by Kathy Wufsus, and seconded by Joan Goodman. (It should be noted that no meetings were held in either June or July due to lack of a quorum).

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report, submitted by Angela Witconis, indicated the following balances as of August 31, 2009:
General Fund - \$3,670.14 (includes \$2,018.76 in Memorial Fund monies).
Paypal - \$556.60
CD - \$11,137.38 (includes Memorial Fund monies of \$1,137.38, and matures 11-10-09).
The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Joe Flamini.

CORRESPONDENCE

Angela Witconis received a telephone call and email from Tim Gruber, requesting that the Historical Society send a letter to local and state politicians supporting his efforts to gain public access to death certificates dating back 50 years or more. Peg Coombe will contact him for more information and is authorized to send letters from the Historical Society to this effect.



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COMMITTEES:

Community Preservation: Joan Goodman requested assistance in gathering information for the plaque for the Silliman House. Frank Senglar volunteered to work with Joan, and Tom Ward offered to research old Record American newspapers for information.

Membership: Current membership stands at 175, with 103 paid for 2009 and beyond.

Walking Tour: Kathy Wufsus reported that information would be forthcoming in the fall.

Vice President: Tom Ward reported that the digitized Record American newspapers from years 1916-1928 will be available for public access in the Mahanoy Area Library within the next few weeks. He also reported on the donation of some fossils, and the acquisition of an antique typewriter which was donated by the library. Tom is also researching some old deeds relating to the property at 438 East Centre St., which were donated by Mary Jarrett. The property is the former Winnie O'Donnell house, and one of the deeds contains the signature of Emmanuel Boyer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Angela Witconis reported that recently assessed items need to be properly boxed, and input is needed from the Room Manager for correct filing. Also, the white loose leaf binder containing the assessments is missing from the Historical Room.
2. Angela Witconis also reported that form 5013C for the Federal Government must be filed. She will follow up on this.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Marjorie Fletcher has issued a request on behalf of the Memorial Fund Committee that a separate CD be established for the Memorial Fund when the current CD matures in November. There was discussion regarding the necessity versus the inconvenience of many accounts, and the issue was tabled until the next meeting.
2. A motion was made by Joan Goodman and seconded by Joe Flamini to authorize the ordering of calendars at a cost of \$100 for 100 calendars.
3. A motion was made by Tom Ward and seconded by Ramon Soto to purchase a new vacuum cleaner at a cost of \$59.95 for the Historical Room. Joan Goodman will see to the purchase.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM on a motion by Joe Flamini and seconded by Ramon Soto. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2009, at 7 PM, with an Executive Meeting at 1 PM on Thursday, September 24.

Peg Coombe, Secretary