



MAHANOY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held Monday, January 26, 2009 in the meeting rooms of the Mahanoy Area Downtown Center. Attending were Peg Coombe, Thomas Ward, Ramon Soto, Angela Witconis, Frank Senglar, Peg Grigalonis, Joseph Flamini, Rose Flamini, Dolly Wagner, Kathy Wufsus, Bob Fallan, and Charles Savage.

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

MINUTES

- Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved, with a motion to accept by Joseph Flamini and seconded by Rose Flamini. There was no meeting held in December.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The treasurer's report, submitted by Angela Witconis, indicated the following balances as of January 26, 2009:
- General Fund - \$5,576.12 (includes \$1808.76 in Memorial Fund monies) Paypal- \$412.81
- 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 Peg Grigalonis.



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CORRESPONDENCE

- There is a new book by Arcadia on Coal Region's Slavic Community. It will be available at the Mahanoy City Library.
- Schuylkill County District Judge Kilker is initiating a community service program for juveniles and is looking for projects the juveniles can complete. The Historical Society has nothing available.
- Request for donation from Mahanoy City Fire Police - Frank Senglar will see if anyone representing them can be booked as a speaker.
- Notification from attorneys representing the estate of Agnes Kline - Historical Society is listed as a beneficiary.
- Small Museum Association is holding a conference in Ocean City, Maryland on February 22-24. No one was interested in attending.
- Compliance Service Dept. requesting purchase of Labor Law poster - none is needed for the Historical Room.
- An information request from Malcolm Yaffe on a historical item he owns.

COMMITTEES

- **Community Preservation:** Plaque was presented to St. Paul's Church, which hosted the event featuring bell choir, adult choir, memorabilia of the church and its history, followed by a luncheon. Kathy Wufsus inquired as to the possibility of a plaque or marker at the site of the former train station. It was felt that the isolated location would encourage vandalism. Kathy Wufsus also stated that she would like to have a walking tour of Mahanoy City instituted. Peg Grigalonis is looking for ideas for future community preservation projects.
- **Membership:** Current membership is 159 with 96 paid for 2008 and 68 paid for 2009. Artifacts: Rose Flamini is expecting to receive a donated item in the near future. Tom Ward stated that Bill Kubilis will donate a light fixture from the old train station if the Historical Society is interested. Dolly Wagner has an old picture of her garage which she plans to donate.
- **Room Manager:** It was stated that the secretary on duty at the desk in the main lobby will sell our DVD's for us on Mondays and Tuesdays when the room is not open. Angela Witconis will be replacing Alice Moore on duty in the Historical Room on Wednesdays, and Ray Soto will be replacing Bob Fallan on Thursdays until March 5.



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A tentative date of April 19, 2009 at 2 PM has been selected to honor Bill O'Brien. The committee will check with the family to see if this is acceptable.
- Recognition of Past Public Servants - ideas tabled until next month
- Website - LJ Brylewski will be invited to next meeting to answer questions.
- A motion was made to retroactively authorize the order and presentation of a plaque for Lois Griffiths as Citizen of the Year honoree by the Elks. Motion by Tom Ward and seconded by Peg Grigalonis.
- Speakers - A motion was made by Peg Coombe and seconded by Angela Witconis to reactivate the Program Committee, whose purpose is to explore options for speakers to the Historical Society's meetings. Committee members will be Kathy Wufsus, Tom Ward and Peg Grigalonis. Angela Nuss's date for a presentation has yet to be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

- Peg Grigalonis announced that February is History Month, and the History Fair will take place on February 14, 2009 at the Fairlane Mall. Peg Grigalonis and Frank Senglar will attend and be responsible for set up.
- Peg Grigalonis asked and was granted permission to have her book on Lakewood Park available for sale in the Historical Room.
- Loretta Murphy is looking for photos of old Irish minstrel shows in Mahanoy City. If anyone has any, contact Frank Senglar.
- The need for a new computer for the Historical Room was discussed. Frank Senglar will talk to LJ Brylewski for suggestions.

ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM on a motion by Tom Ward and seconded by Bob Fallan. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2009 in the Downtown Center, with an Executive Meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 1 PM.