



MAHANOEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held Monday, May 18, 2009 in the meeting rooms of the Mahanoy Area Downtown Center. Attending were: Tom Ward, Angela Witconis, Ramon Soto, Kathy Wufsus, Joe Flamini, Richard Newman, Peg Grigalonis, Frank Senglar, Joan Goodman, and Peg Coombe.

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved, with a motion to accept by Joe Flamini and seconded by Peg Grigalonis.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report, submitted by Angela Witconis, indicated a balance of \$4031.41 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 Peg Grigalonis and seconded by Tom Ward.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters were received advertising the TPA blood drive and Shenandoah Kielbasa Festival.

COMMITTEES

Artifacts: Peg Grigalonis reported that Theresa Boyle donated 2 pieces of sheet music, one by Victor Schertzinger and one by Tommy Dorsey.

Membership: Membership stands at 99 paid through 2009 and 77 paid through 2008, for a total of 176.

Vice President: Tom Ward reported that many people are coming into the Historical Room looking for genealogy information. He already has referred them to area churches and the Pottsville Courthouse, but would like suggestions on further contacts. Peg Grigalonis suggested Shirley Ryan's website. It was also



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suggested that Frank Seagate may have other ideas or may agree to serve as a contact person for inquiries. Peg Coombe will contact him about this.

Room: The Historical Room will be open Memorial Day during and just before the parade. Also the Legion's memorabilia room will be open after the parade on Memorial Day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ramon Soto ordered the 2 new magnetic signs for the Historical Society.
2. Frank Senglar will begin replacing the fading photos.
3. Ramon Soto reported that WVIA came and took 15 minutes of film footage that will air next spring. It will be used as part of a segment to promote tourism in PA.
4. The new refrigerator was purchased for the Historical Room.
5. A motion was made by Tom Ward and seconded by Kathy Wufsus to purchase some shrink-wrapped items such as old diplomas from St. Fidelis and St. Canicus, at a cost of \$50.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Historical Room will be open on Saturday, May 23, 2009 from 10 until 2, as requested by Mahanoy City Alumni.
2. Frank Senglar reported that Loretta Murphy is interested in contacting anyone with Irish History information such as family histories or photos for use in a WVIA documentary on "The Irish in Northeast PA".
3. Kathy Wufsus suggested the possibility of a walking tour of the area, with an accompanying guide or brochure. A committee consisting of Kathy Wufsus, Peg Grigalonis, and Joan Goodman was formed to look into this.
4. It was suggested that a new logo for the letterhead may be appropriate.
5. Peg Grigalonis submitted to the Historical Society the following list of elected officials from Mahanoy Area: Long, Fenton, Goodman, Goodman, Lucyk, Rhoades, and Lukach. All but Long have given Peg pictures and biographies, and she wants to make sure she hasn't overlooked anyone.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ramon Soto and seconded by Joe Flamini. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 29, 2009 at 7 PM, with an Executive Meeting on Thursday, June 25th at 1 PM.

Peg Coombe, Secretary