



MAHANOY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held in the Historical Society's room at the Rhoades Downtown Center on Monday, October 26, 2009, at 7 PM. Attending were Frank Senglar, Tom Ward, Angela Witconis, Peg Coombe, Charles Savage, Dolly Wagner, and Swing Flamini.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 2009 meeting were read and approved with a motion to accept by Swing Flamini and seconded by Dolly Wagner. There was no meeting held in September due to lack of a quorum.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report, submitted by Angela Witconis, indicated the following balances as of October 25, 2009:

General Fund - \$3,811.44 (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 Tom Ward and seconded by Charles Savage.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A \$300 donation was received from the Comerford trust and a letter of thanks sent to Lois Griffiths.
2. Senator David Argall sent a letter of response to the Historical Society's letter requesting support for Senate Bill 683, which would allow on-line access to death certificates 50 years old



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or more. Senator Argall indicated that the Governor's Administration is opposed to the bill, which makes passage difficult.

3. A letter was received from the Schuylkill County Bicentennial Steering Committee which is looking ahead to the 2011 county celebration. They will endorse any events that we as a historical society plan to hold. Peg Coombe will contact Bob Fallan to see if he can find out what other local historical societies or the county historical society have planned.

COMMITTEES

Membership: Membership stands at 177, with 104 paid through 2009 and 73 paid through 2008.

Vice-President: Tom Ward reported that more 1963 Bicentennial books have been donated to the Historical Room. The deed on the O'Donnell house is in the process of being better preserved. The Library is in need of funds to install the electric lines necessary for the computers which will be used to access the Newspaper Project. A motion for the Historical Society to pay one-third the approximate \$900 expense for this was made by Tom Ward and seconded by Swing Flamini, and passed unanimously. The other two-thirds of the expense will be paid by the Mahanoy City and Mahanoy Township alumni.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was passed to create a separate account for the Memorial Fund money when the current CD matures in November. The Memorial Fund Committee will be consulted as to the type of account they prefer. The remainder of the money in the current CD as well as the interest will be placed into a 3 month money market. The motion to this effect was made by Tom Ward and seconded by Peg Coombe. The motion passed, with treasurer Angela Witconis expressing a dissenting vote.
2. A motion was made by Tom Ward and seconded by Angela Witconis to initiate procedure to change the monthly meeting night to the last Thursday of each month, effective January of 2010. It is hoped that this will alleviate some conflicting meeting schedules and the recent problem with lack of a quorum. This will require an addendum to the by-laws. It was also suggested that a bulk email to the membership be sent prior to monthly meetings to try to increase attendance.
3. It was noted the Historical Society website has been inaccessible for some time. Frank Senglar will look into this.
4. Angela Witconis will look into the possibility of booking an investment counselor as a speaker for the January meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM on a motion by Tom Ward and seconded by Dolly Wagner. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 30, 2009 at 7PM.