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Minutes of the
Mahanoy Area Historical Society Meeting
February 9, 2000

(held in place of regularly scheduled January meeting due to weather)

Those in attendance:

President Larry Levy, Vice-President Teresa McCord, Treasurer Ed Strasavage, Secretary Lorrie Bennick, Members Mike Cheslock, Susan Zimmerman, Mary Wohnhaas, Kyle, Rose Flamini, Tina Teichman, and two students from the Mahanoy History School Club.

Secretary's Report - A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last meeting were by Susan Zimmerman, seconded by Mike Cheslock.

Treasurer's Report - Balance as of February 9, 2000, \$2,394.74. Motion made by Rose Flamini to accept the report, seconded by Mike Cheslock.

Correspondence - Larry Levy received a bill for \$58 for the publication of the "Charter" in the paper. A motion was made by Susan Zimmerman to pay the bill, seconded by Mike Cheslock.

Membership - Mike Cheslock said "nothing to report". He then voiced his opinion that each month there is nothing to report and it makes us look bad. Larry stated we must follow "Robert's Rules" during a meeting. Susan Zimmerman questioned when dues are due. Larry stated that Lorrie is setting it up on a quarterly basis.

Property & Artifacts - Lorrie Bennick received items in her door and was not sure who delivered them to her home. The president told us the items are being stored in the basement of the Teen Canteen for now. Larry also made forms for donations - deed of donation. He is still in need of the deed of loan paper. Larry has documented most items received.

Fund Raising Committee - Larry & Francis Senglar are working on T-shirts with the photo of the old train station. Ed suggested a cookbook, Susan suggested the quilt and Larry suggested an artist sketching. of the Victoria Theatre in charcoal. Each would sell for \$25, with a profit of \$7 to \$11 dollars on each one.

Public Relations - Tina Teichman distributed newsletters. Rose Flamini invited the group to the meet meeting of the Homecoming Committee - Wed, Feb. 16 @ 7 PM, 1st Congregational Church, 700 block of E Center.

New Building Committee - A meeting was held on Jan 26 in the Library. They are currently looking for prospective restaurant operators to locate in the planned train station. The restaurant could locate rent free, but will pay utilities, etc. Lorrie is going to apply for a 3 month grant extension. Larry spoke to Steve Lucach about locating a restaurant at the site.

New Business - for the good of the Society
1. Mahanoy City Borough Council formed an Historical Committee and appointed members. Larry said we are now chartered and felt the boro should not have complete control over the building. (They will own it). Everyone agreed. Larry will write and send

**Mahanoy City Historical Society
Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2000**

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President Larry Levy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were: Edward Strasavage, Lawrence Levy, Teresa McCord, George Krall, Susan Zimmerman, Michael Cheslock, Travis Kromer, Rose Flamini, Tina Teichman, Mary Wohnhaas, Francis Senglar, Nick Yutko, Jeanne Takacs. A motion was made by Rose Flamini, seconded by Susan Zimmerman to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Secretary's Report – Mrs. Anna Anezin of Burke, VA sent a donation for \$25, letters were sent to all members with either due reminders or their membership cards. A motion was made by Susan Zimmerman, seconded by Tina Teichman, to accept the report.

Treasurer's Report – as of February 9, starting balance was 2,394.74, expenses of \$58, leaving a balance of \$2,336.75. Motion to accept by George Krall, seconded by Travis Kromer.

Membership Committee – Mike Cheslock stated that they have not received any new members. A membership meeting will be held. Teresa McCord stated that Ashland Historical Society has 150 members.

Artifacts – Ed Strasavage mentioned he has artifacts from deceased relatives. Lorrie Bennick will get artifacts from Emil Yenchick.

Fund Raising Committee – A project was presented by Dave Pukas of Minersville, an artist who sketches historical sites, to draw a sketch of the Victoria Theatre and attach a piece of the old screen. Cost is \$18 for a matted print. A motion was made by George Krall, seconded by Susan Zimmerman to commission Dave Pukas to draw the Theatre. Sketches would be sold for \$25 plus shipping. The membership also discussed continuing the series with a train station collage, brewery, churches, theaters, Lakeside Ballroom, etc. Larry Levy will further discuss ideas with Mr. Pukas.

Linda Truskowsy presented an heirloom throw and "hometown collectibles" that could be sold to generate funds. Francis Senglar presented the T-shirt sale – Jack Pollack, Jr. will donate a sketch of train station, shirts could sell for \$10, with a cost of \$6 per shirt. Ideas were discussed for logos. Francis will continue to work on the project. Linda Truskowsy and Susan Zimmerman will further research heirloom throw and collectibles projects.

Public Relations – Tina Teichman stated the newsletter will be ready for April. Nikki Todd offered to include a copy of our newsletter in the Anthracite News. We will need 1500 copies for distribution. Members discussed Ashland's newsletter and there were many positive comments. Also discussed were "Welcome to Mahanoy City" signs. Michael Cheslock and Susan Zimmerman will locate place for signs.

New Building Committee – we are still searching for a person to open at restaurant in the Train Depot.

President Larry Levy noted that the position of Historian is vacant – Susan Zimmerman agreed to accept the position and continue to take pictures and clip news articles.

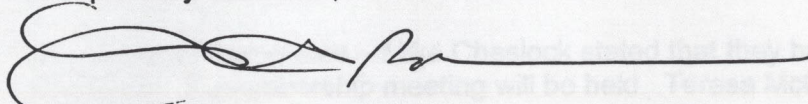
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Good of the Society: A Float Committee is being formed for the Memorial Day Parade. A sign up sheet was passed to the membership. Teresa McCord discussed a number of items: Homecoming Committee, publishing a "Calendar of Events", newspaper coverage for donations of artifacts, "In Memorial" donations. Linda Truskowsky mentioned the "Leave a Legacy Program". Also discussed: Garden Tours and guest speakers at meetings. Nick Yutko updated the membership on the Rite Aid situation and discussed a number of proposals for getting a downtown headquarters for the Society and suing ebay to raise funds. Nick will prepare a business plan and present to the membership in 6-8 weeks.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Susan Zimmerman, seconded by Mary Wohnhass.

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 27, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorrie A. Bennick

MAHANOEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 27, 2000

President Larry Levy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were: Larry Levy, Ed Strasavage, Susan Zimmerman, Mike Cheslock, Travis Kromer, Tina Teichman, Mary Wohnhaas, Nick Yutko, Jeanne Takacs, Charlotte Maurey, Francis Senglar, Andrew S. (from Old World Antiques) Guest Speaker.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Mary Wohnhaas, seconded by Mike Cheslock to accept the previous months minutes.

The Secretary was absent and forwarded the following comments: Borough Council is preparing a business plan to advertise for tenants at the soon to be developed Train Station; talks with the former Mahanoy City Business Association may net the funds needed to place signs at the entrance to the Borough; a joint Historical Society meeting will be held with Shenandoah, Ashland and Frackville at Shenandoah Borough Hall, Tuesday, April 18 at 7 PM. A motion was made by Tina Teichman to accept the report, seconded by Charlotte Maurey.

Treasurer's Report - a balance of \$2,359.34 as of March 27, 2000. Ed also reminded us to pay our dues as early as possible. Report accepted by Mike Cheslock, seconded by Nick Yutko.

Membership: Mike Cheslock reported a membership drive will take place July 1st in conjunction with the Mahanoy City Homecoming Committee. He, Teresa, Susan and Larry met to discuss different ideas. Larry asked for a list of future activities so he could forward to the Attorney (Christine Pitts) for 5013(c) status to show what we are doing. A garden tour is being planned for Sunday, July 2.

Fundraising Committee - Larry informed us that Dave Pukas is only doing one sketch. After discussion, it was decided to include the Victoria Theatre, Smith Mansion, Kaier Mansion, Kaier Brewery, Mansion Hotel and former Train Station.

Public Relations - (Susan read notes from Teresa in her absence) The Historical Society newsletter must be ready for Monday, April 24th to include in the distribution of the northeast newspaper, with 2400 copies needed. After speaking with the Homecoming Committee, only the parade is planned for the July 1st festivities. The Historical Society hopes to fill the day with additional activities.

Restoration & Revitalization - Mike discussed the placement of "welcome" signs - Larry, Mike and Teresa will meet Friday, May 31st to look at sites.

New Building Committee - Larry was to check with Lorrie Bennick on status.

Good of the Society - Nick Yutko reported on the Web Page for the Historical Society. Andrew (Old World Antiques) spoke about collecting items and selling them on E-bay to raise funds for the historical society. A special meeting will be held Wednesday, April 5 at 7 PM at the library to further discuss.

A reminder that Ethnic Day will be held Saturday, June 10 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Citizens Fire Company. Ed Strasavage suggested preparing a presentation and also offering items for sale. A motion to adjourn was made by Mary W. and seconded by Jeanne T. Next meeting will be held on Monday, April 24, 2000.

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MAHANoy AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES - April 24, 2000

President Larry Levy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were: Larry Levy, Ed Strasavage, Susan Zimmerman, Mike Cheslock, Travis Kromer, Lorrie Bennick, Mary Wohnhaas, Nick Yutko, Jeanne Takacs, Francis Senglar, George Krall, Dennis Tempest, Mike Gelchis (visiting from Frackville), and Teresa McCord.

Secretary's Report: No report. Motion to accept by George Krall, seconded by Nick Yutko.

Treasurer's Report - a starting balance of \$2,399.74 as of March 31, 2000. Expenses of \$361.07 (for legal expenses with 401(3)c) and income of \$120 for a new balance of \$2,338.67. Report accepted by Mike Cheslock, seconded by Nick Yutko.

Membership: Mike Cheslock and Teresa McCord updated the Society on the plans for Homecoming Weekend - July 1 & 2. The list of activities may include a self-guided garden tour throughout the Mahanoy Area (with prizes), prayer service, special speaker and entertainment, parade, etc. More details to follow.

Fundraising Committee - Larry reported that Ellie's Lokies has obtained final design approval for the Lionel Cars, which will be out for Christmas. The first car will feature Kaier's Brewery. Cars will range between \$49 - \$52. Only 200 of each car will be produced. Ellie's Lokie will donate \$6- \$10 per car to the historical society. Larry delivered the color pictures to Dave Pukas for the historical collage etchings. The etchings should be available for Ethnic Day (June 10. Matted etchings will sell for \$25 - shipping will be extra.

Francis Senglar reported on the T-shirts for the Society. Demmargraphics will produce the T-shirt, which features a sketch of the old train station. Shirts will be "natural" with brown ink. Sales price is \$10. Twelve dozen shirts were approved for order.

Dennis Tempest (vocalist) offered his services to the Society for fund raising purposes.

Nick Yutko briefly explained the plan to sell donated items on E-bay to raise funds to preserve historical buildings (old Dollar General Store building). Mike Cheslock expressed the importance of preserving our remaining buildings.

Public Relations - Members of the Society attended the Regional Historical Society meeting (Ashland, Shenandoah, Frackville and Mahanoy City). Items discussed: Peddlers Grave, preserving old newspapers through microfilm, Steve Patterson's video project of Schuylkill County, preservation of St. Nicholas Breaker and preparing lists of activities.

Restoration & Revitalization - The committee is still searching for a site for the Welcome to Mahanoy City signs. This is a joint project with the Chamber of Commerce, Mahanoy City Borough and former Business Association.

Good of the Society - All members are welcome to contribute articles for a special newsletter which will be distributed in the Northern Schuylkill Times. All articles should be submitted to Lorrie Bennick or Jeanne Takacs by May 10. They can also be emailed to Lorrie at mcboro@ptd.net. Historical Society Web Page - <http://home.ptd.net/~nyutko/mahs/mahs.htm>

Teresa McCord reported that Stonehedge (south Tamaqua) will be holding a Garden Tour in the near future. More information will be provided at the next meeting for a "member tour".

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Zimmerman, seconded by Michael Cheslock. **Next meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, 2000.**

MAHANoy AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES

MAY -- 2000

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President Larry Levy called the Meeting to order at 7 PM. In attendance were Larry Levy, Teresa McCord, Ed Strasavage, Lorrie Bennick, Rose Flamini, Susan Zimmerman, Charlotte Maurey, Kathy Wufsus.

A motion was made by Rose Flamini, seconded by Charlotte Maurey to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Approved

Secretary's Report - There was no correspondence to report. It was approved by the membership to split the secretary's duties. Teresa McCord will maintain all membership records. Lorrie Bennick will continue to record minutes and correspondence. A motion was made by Susan Zimmerman, seconded by Rose Flamini, to accept the report. Approved.

Treasurer's report - Ed reported an ending balance of \$2,713.90, with expenses of \$31.80 and deposits of \$115. A motion to accept was made by Charlotte Maurey, seconded by Kathy Wufsus. Approved.

Membership Committee - Membership renewals were received and recorded. Community Day should help boost membership.

Public Relations - Mike is working with Dwayne Messerschmidt of CYBERVANIA regarding our website. He is submitting some general info about the society and a membership application.

Property/Artifacts - A brochure was received from Margaret Aschman. Larry still has numerous items in storage to be cataloged. The items will be given to Rose Flamini for recording and returned to storage.

Fundraising - The group discussed selling baseball caps with the Society logo. T-shirts of all sizes are still available.

Restoration and Revitalization - the Technical assistance application to study the P&R building was filed. Michael, Susan, Teresa and Larry have been working on the project for several months. Lorrie filed the paperwork. Mike conversed with Mr. Rich of Reading Anthracite and he has expressed an interest in working with the Society on the project.

It was requested to remove Mary Wohnhaus from the Revitalization committee, as she is unable to attend regular meetings.

Plans for the Homecoming Weekend were discussed. Organizations calling about the prayer service were forwarded to the Ministerium. Mayor DiBaggio will discuss with Council the approval of a Waiver of Vendor Permit. Schedule of events (tentative) Sat 10 AM - Prayer Service, 11-3 - Craft & antique vendors. Live music by the Patchies, dancing, T-102(?), Will coincide events with St. Mary's Greek Bazaar. Sunday will feature a town-wide yard sale. It was decided to go ahead with the sale at individual homes rather than one specific site. Maps of the participating households will be provided free of charge. Registration is \$3 per household. The garden tour will be held from 12-4 PM. Mike Cheslock is donating the prizes for the tour winners.

Molly Maguire Historical Park - questions were raised on the status of the park and "who's project it was". It was noted that the project is being administered by the Mahanoy City Borough and an Advisory Board of numerous Molly Historians are participating in the development.

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Memorial Day Parade – Mike Kitsock will allow the Historical Society to use 2 antique cars for the parade. Lorrie and Mr. Maurey will be drivers. Passengers will be Teresa McCord, Rose Flamini and Charlotte Maurey.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rose Flamini, seconded by Charlotte Maurey. All approved. The next Executive Board meeting will be held June 18. The next meeting will be held June 25 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorrie A. Bennick
Secretary

Mahanoy Area Historical Society
Minutes – June 26, 2000

The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy area Historical Society was called to order by President Larry Levy at 7:00 PM. In attendance were: Larry Levy, Teresa McCord, Charlotte E. Mauery, George Krall, Lois Griffiths, Margaret Shemansek, Joseph Flamini, Travis Kromer, Michael Cheslock, Rose Flamini, Francis Senglar, Angela Witconis, Lorrie Bennick.

Treasurer's Report – no report – treasurer absent.

Secretary's Report – A letter was received from member Jim Trusky commending the association on their efforts with the Train/Visitors Center. A motion was made by George Krall, seconded by Charlotte Maury to accept the report.

Membership & Homecoming Committee – a joint report was filed on the events for the Homecoming Weekend for July 1 & 2. A prayer service is planned for Herman's Park at 10 AM. Vendors and crafters will be set up in the downtowns from 11 AM, the Homecoming Parade will be held at 1 pm, and a special membership program held at 4 PM featuring the Patchies Band, Gino Capone and old movies. A Garden & Porch Tour will be held Sunday. Volunteers are needed to help on Saturday.

Property & Artifacts. Items were received from Emil Yenchick, including negatives from the 1980's. Phyllis Latta donated Centennial Committee information from 1963.

Restoration & Revitalization – update on "Welcome to Mahanoy City" signs. Signs have been ordered – paid for by former Business and Professional Association & Chamber of Commerce. Train Station – plans are progressing.

T-Shirts – George Krall made a motion to purchase XXL t-shirts. It was agreed to order 2 dozen at \$7.45 and sell for \$12. The motion was seconded by Francis Senglar. A card of thanks and a T-shirt will be sent to Jack Pollack for designing the t-shirt.

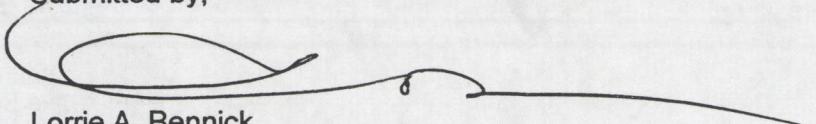
The next "Social" will be held at Brook side Restaurant in Park Place on Thursday, July 13 at 6:30 pm.

The 501©3 status is being reviewed by US Attorney General. Process for review can take up to 120 days.

The parade lineup for Homecoming Day was distributed by Bill Paul. A blessing for the parade and festivities was given by Phyllis Latta.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rose Flamini, seconded by Travis Kromer.

Submitted by,


Lorrie A. Bennick
Secretary

Mahanoy Area Historical Society
Minutes - July 31, 2000

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Vice President Teresa McCord called the monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society to order at 7:00 PM in the absence of President Larry Levy. In attendance were: Nick Yutko, Susan Zimmerman, Ed Strasavage, Teresa McCord, Lorrie Bennick, Frank Selgrath, Tina Teichman, Charlotte Maurey, Jeanne Takacs, Francis Senglar. Guests: Anne Riotto, Arlene Leitzel, Justin Blume, Dave Ward, Gene Friendly, Donald Serfass.

Susan Zimmerman made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the printed copy. Seconded by Charlotte Maurey. All in favor.

Secretary's report - Thank you notes were read from Jean DiBaggio and Sister Marie Cella regarding the Homecoming Weekend Events. Motion to accept by Nick Yutko, seconded by Ed Strasavage, all in favor.

Treasurer's report - Deposits of \$55 made, expenses of \$732.40 for a balance of 1,762.87. Motion by Charlotte Maurey, seconded by Susan Zimmerman.

Membership - Michael Cheslock submitted a written report. He recognized Susan Zimmerman and Teresa McCord for their efforts and hard work in assisting with the Homecoming Events - parade, special membership program, garden tours, prayer service, etc. The events were very successful and 12 new memberships were obtained.

Fund raising - Historical Society T-shirts with a replica of the old train station, are for sale at \$10 each, XXL \$12.

Victorian Collage Etchings - we are still waiting on the artist for delivery date.

Restoration - Train station/Visitors center is progressing. Engineers are currently doing surveys and planning site work.

Revitalization - the Borough took delivery of 2 "Welcome to Mahanoy City" signs - beige and maroon with gold leaf trim. Paid for by the former Business & Professional Association and Chamber of Commerce.

New Business:

Members of the Tamaqua Historical Society, Samantha Gibbons, Gene Friendly and Donald Serfass, presented the Society with a letter from the Benton Historical Society. The Benton Society, which is the unofficial gateway to coal country in Washington State, forwarded a collection of turn of the century postcards to Tamaqua Historical Society to pass on to our Society. Teresa McCord, Lorrie Bennick, Ed Strasavage and Historian Susan Zimmerman gratefully accepted the donation. A letter of thanks will be sent to Benton Historical Society.

Old Business:

Susan Zimmerman and Teresa McCord reported on the recent joint historical society meeting. Mahanoy Area had the best member turnout. Discussion centered on joint projects and upcoming events. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct 16 in Ashland. More info to follow. The next Quarterly "Social" will be held at Reilly's Restaurant in Hometown, Oct. 12 at 6:30 PM. Everyone with an historical interest is welcome to attend - bring a friend, have a drink and good conversation!

Lorrie Bennick welcomed our guests and gave them a brief scenario of the Society's past/future projects.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Tina Teichman to adjourn the meeting at 8:05, seconded by Susan Zimmerman.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie A. Bennick, Secretary

Mahanoy Area Historical Society
Minutes - August 28, 2000

AUG 28 2000

President Larry Levy called the monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. *Attendance sheet for the month is missing.*

A motion was made by Rose Flamini, seconded by Susan Zimmerman to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All approved.

Secretary's report - A donation of \$100 was received by the Redcliffe family.

Treasurer's report - Starting balance of \$1,762.87, receipts of \$260, expenses \$373.80, ending balance on 8/27 of \$1,653.07.

Membership - Plans are beginning for the Christmas House Tour.

Property & Artifacts - postcards were received from Kathy Erbe.

Fund raising - Trains - Larry is hoping trains will be available for Christmas.

Victorian Collage Etchings - no information.

Public Relations - it was decided to send members a "second notice" for those who have not paid their dues. A quarterly list of meetings will be sent to all members when the next newsletter is ready.

Restoration/Revitalization - Mike Cheslock will meet with a group to decide on a list of future projects such as the P&R Coal Building, Molly Maguire Memorial, etc. A grant seminar sponsored by the PA Historical and Museum Commission will be held in Harrisburg on November 2.

Christmas Tour - the next meeting will be Wed. Sept. 13, 6 PM at Lorrie's house.

Molly Maguire Monument - a grant for \$50,000 was received. No further details.

A thank you will be sent to the Chamber of Commerce and former BPW for their purchase of "Welcome to Mahanoy City" signs.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Susan Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting at 8:05, seconded by George Krall.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Bennick

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Mahanoy Area Historical Society
Minutes - September 25, 2000

SEP 25 2000

President Larry Levy called the monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were: Larry Levy, Susan Zimmerman, Ed Strasavage, Teresa McCord, Frank Selgrath, Tina Teichman, Charlotte Maurey, Rose Falmini, George Krall, Francis Senglar, Nick Yutko, Jeannie Tackacs and Bernice Narrow.

Minutes for the August meeting were not available.

Secretary's report - No report in Lorrie's absence.

Treasurer's report - Balance of \$1,700.96

Correspondence - none

Membership - none.

Property & Artifacts - George Krall has 2 pictures for the archives.

Fund raising - Historical Society T-shirts with a replica of the old train station, are for sale at \$10 each, XXL \$12. T-shirts will be placed at Boro Hall and Hanrahan's.

Trains - Larry will check to see if they will be available for Christmas.

Victorian Collage Etchings - artist has still not produced prints.

Public Relations - no report

Restoration/Revitalization - Mike Cheslock told the group that he, Teresa, Larry, Sue and Francis met with Donna Kempfort regarding the P&R building (Reading Anthracite). They took a tour and will meet on Wed. Sept 27 at 7 PM at Mike's to discuss the building a write a proposal to have it donated if we can lease it. Bill O'Brien, a newspaper an, has a story on the building.

Christmas Tour - the next meeting will be October 3, 6 pm at the Library. Rose Flamini gave a report from the previous meeting.

Molly Maguire Monument - a grant for \$50,000 was received. No further details.

Frank reported about Jim Trusky's classroom. He has 35 historical pictures around the room. Rose suggested the Christmas Tour go there as part of the trip. There are 20 additional pictures to be framed.

Nick & Jeanne - Need news items for Newsletter - Christmas Tour, updates on community day, garden tour, train station, sketches, quotes from people who participated.

Next Social Meeting - Reiley's - 6:30, Thursday, October 12.

Next joint meeting - Ashland, 7 PM, Oct 16, Monday.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bernice to adjourn the meeting at 8:05, seconded by Charlotte Maury.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Zimmerman

SEP 25 2000

MAHANOY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES - OCTOBER 30, 2000

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PRESIDENT LARRY LEVY called the monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were Larry Levy, Teresa accord, Francis Sengler Bunny, Narrow, Adele Sebra, Susan Zimmerman, Mike Cheslock, Kathy Wusfus, and Rose Flamini.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report No report.

Secretary's report, No report in Lorrie's absence.

Membership- No Report.

Correspondence- ^{elohiel} Mary Jo will join with us.

Property & Artifacts - Grace Lewis from E. Pine st. donated a top hat and two bow ties from the centennial to the Society.

Fund Raisers- 3 dozen extra large T shirts and 1 dozen of large shirts were ,ordered to be sold during the Christmas tour,the shirts are also on sale at the Borough Hall, Rose Flamini.& Kathy Wusfus Beauty Shops., Hanarhan Food store and any members of the Society..

Public Relations- No report.

The community signs were proposed by the Historical Society. The old signs should be removed.

Mike Cheslock stated that we should look into grants to restore the P&R building, or talk to John Rich if he wanted to donate or lease the property .Mike suggested we should write a letter to him in the proper manner, with a letterhead to indenify our Society.

Report on Christmas Tour- December 9, an angel, and train,figures will be your ticket to the tour.Included in the tour will be the Dressing of the Greens at the West End fire house with Santa Claus, 3 churchs, Tina is in touch with them and will have a full report at the next meeting, the Library will have old fashion wedding gowns, Mary Louise Curley and the Water Company, Smiths Mansion,are included on the tour,The Elks will have entertainment, during the affair and will be serving food. The buses are booked for the tour.

Adele Seabra spoke to the group about having more affairs during the course of the year.

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Theresa Mc Cord gave a report on the joint meeting in Frackville, she felt that they need more information to attend the next meeting, which will be held in Frackville January 8, 2001.

President Larry informed the group we are as of October 6, have the status of a non profit organization, number 501c3.

New Business-Holiday tea in Pottsville, December 10, 2000 2-4 PM \$15.00 per person, call 628-2632, the Schuylkill Symphony Orchestra is the sponsor.

The next monthly meeting is November 27, 2000 at the library 7:00P.M.

There being no further business a motion was made by Bunny Narrow and Mike Cheslock to adjourn the meeting .

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Flamini

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**Mahanoy Area Historical Society
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NOV 27 2000

President Larry Levy called the monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were: Michael Cheslock, Travis Kromer, Rose Flamini, Charlotte Maurey, George Krall, Teresa McCord, Larry Levy, Lorrie Bennick and Edward Strasavage.

A motion was made by George Krall, seconded by Rose Flamini, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the October minutes as submitted. All approved.

Secretary's report - no report. A discussion was held on frequency of mailings to the membership. It was originally planned to send quarterly newsletters to all members. Since the newsletter is not yet ready, the membership approved sending a mailing of the past months minutes to all members on a quarterly basis, in lieu of the newsletter (until it is ready). Larry Levy offered to compile a calendar of local events to be added to the mailings in 2001.

Treasurer's report - Starting balance as of 26 Sep 2000 of \$1,705.18 receipts of \$470. Oct 23 balance \$2,175.18. Deposits of \$475, expenses of \$89.58 (Christmas tour) balance as of Nov. 27, 2000 - \$2,560.60. Motion was made by George Krall to purchase a "For Deposit Only" stamp and to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Rose Flamini.

Correspondence - none.

Property & Artifacts - none.

Membership Committee - Michael Cheslock suggested offering free 1-year Society memberships to all participants of the Christmas Tour. After much discussion, George Krall, seconded by Michael Cheslock, made a motion. Unanimously approved.

Fund raising - Larry reported that the trains are still not available. He has not been able to get a response from the artist on the sketches. A letter will be sent with a final offering to draw the sketches. A letter will then be sent to the Schuylkill County Council for the Arts trying to obtain a new artist to produce the sketches. T-shirt sales are continuing - a new order has been placed. T-shirts are available at Rose Flamini's Beauty Shop, Kathy Wufsus Beauty Shop, Hanrahans Market and Borough Hall.

Public Relations - Michael Cheslock suggested sending a "thank you" note to the Library for use of its facilities for meetings. He will forward the card from the Public Relations committee.

Restoration/Revitalization - Mike Cheslock stated the P&R project is on hold until after the Christmas tour. Lorrie Bennick reported the train station (visitors center) project is still underway. After real estate transactions have been completed, a meeting will be set with Mahanoy City Borough Council to discuss the layout of the center.

Christmas Tour - the Tour is scheduled for December 9, with tours departing the Elks every 15 minutes from 11am - 2 pm. The next tour meeting is Monday, Dec 4, 6:00 PM at the Library.

The Joint Historical Society (north of the mountain) will tentatively meet on January 8, 2001 at the Frackville Historical Society. A joint meeting for all Schuylkill County Historical Society's is in the planning stages.

Good of the order - we may want to consider moving the meetings to a new location, strictly due to the lack of parking around the Library. Waiting for feedback from the membership.

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Larry suggested holding regular monthly "Board" meetings to consist of the officers and the Committee Chairs. The meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of the months at 6:30 PM at the Library.

The Society is looking for a volunteer to establish an easily accessible web site for the Historical Society. Please contact Lorrie at 773-2150 or Michael Cheslock at 773-1034.

There being no further business, a motion was made by George Krall to adjourn the meeting at 8:05, seconded by Charlotte Maurey. Next meetings -Monday, December 18, 2000. Monday, January 29, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Bennick

MAHANAY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MILLENNIUM CHRISTMAS TOUR

The Mahanoy Area Historical Society is sponsoring its Second Annual Christmas Tour on Saturday, December 9, 2000. The 2000 tour will include 2 churches (Christ Lutheran and First United Methodist), Smith Mansion, the Mahanoy City Public Library "Private Collection" (historical memorabilia and period wedding gowns), the Silliman House and the Mahanoy Township Water Authority (formerly owned by the Silliman family).

This year's tour will feature Lambda Nu Sorority's "Dressing of the Evergreens" Tree Display and visit by Santa Claus at the West End Fire Company. Lambda Nu will not holding a Christmas Parade this year and will introduce Santa to Mahanoy City during the Christmas Tour. The "Dressing of the Evergreens" will be open to the public. Bring your children to visit Santa between 2-4 PM. Pictures with Santa will be available or \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. If your business or organization would like to participate by decorating a tree in the "Dressing of the Evergreens" contact 874-0822. Tour participants will vote on their favorite tree, with prizes awarded to the winners.

The tour will begin 11 AM at the Mahanoy City Elks. While waiting for your scheduled departure time, entertainment will be provided by the "Patriots". Refreshments will be available to purchase. Escorted bus tours depart every 15 minutes.

At the historic Smith Mansion, built in 1908 by John Zenchock Smith, Jonathan Teter will be featured on the viola. The 16-room home is a spectacular example of fine Victorian craftsmanship furnished with period antiques. Another stop on the tour will be the Mahanoy Township Water Authority building (circa 1875), the original home of the Silliman family, featuring entertainment by Kathy Wufsus. John Silliman was the founder of the local gas and water works. Louise Curley, descendent of the Silliman's, is the current owner of the 1913 Silliman residence, which offers another fine example of the Victorian area for all to behold.

Historical Society T-shirts, featuring the original Mahanoy City train station, will be available for purchase at the Mahanoy City Elks and the West End Fire Co. Hall.

We invite you to join us in celebrating the holiday season reliving the memories of Christmas' long ago. For further information or reservations for the Millennium Christmas Tour call Teresa McCord at 570-773-2911. Tickets are \$5 per person, reservations are suggested, however tickets will be available the day of the tour.

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