

A meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on **Thursday, April 28, 2022** at 6 PM at the Rhoades Downtown Center. Attending were Paul Coombe, Peg Grigalonis, Frank Senglar, Terry Rang, Jim Berezwick, Anne Evans, Kathy Wufsus, and Peg Coombe. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Kathy Wufsus.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the March 2022 meeting were read by Secretary Peg Coombe and approved on a motion made by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Anne Evans.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was presented by Paul Coombe, and indicated a balance of \$32,395.51 as of March 31, 2022. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion made by Frank Senglar and seconded by Anne Evans.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- I. Acknowledgment of a donation from Mahanoy Area Education Association Dress Down Day.
- II. Notification from Explore Schuylkill that a grant of \$1000 has been awarded which must be used toward Lithuanian Days marketing.
- III. Notification from the Republican Herald that it will match any Explore Schuylkill grant money spent with them on digital advertising.
- IV. Letter from Cathy Setcavage Mogul looking for photos or videos of the Mahanoy Area Band from 1968. Request will be put out on the Historical Society Facebook page and at the Sensational Sixties Reunion in May.
- V. Letter from United Veterans Parade Committee inquiring as to whether we will participate in the Memorial Day Parade. Frank Senglar will contact Francis Burke about this possibility.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- I. Peg Grigalonis is continuing to work on the brochure for Lithuanian Days. The brochure must contain the Explore Schuylkill logo as well as advertisements for bringing people into the county. Meredith Domalakes expressed an interest in obtaining some brochures. Peg Grigalonis would also like to see a Historical Society insert as part of the brochure.
- II. Peg Grigalonis discussed the possible usage of the digital advertising offered by the Republican Herald. 15,000 people could be sent email with ad links to hotels, etc. for \$300. The Republican Herald would match that amount in local advertising.
- III. The issue of being the non-profit sponsor for Catalpa Grove bingo was discussed further. A motion was made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Kathy Wufsus containing the following wording: "The Historical Society will agree to be the non-profit sponsor for one year contingent upon inquiries made to Seltzer Insurance and attorney Alvin Luschas regarding resolution of our liability concerns."
- IV. The donated Ukrainian flag is now on display in the window.

## NEW BUSINESS

- I. Peg Grigalonis is looking for Lithuanian photos. Request will be put out on the website and Facebook page.
- II. Peg Grigalonis wrote to AARDCO asking for closet space.
- III. A Mahanoy City High School snare drum was donated by Brian Shughart.
- IV. Paul Coombe will contact the Citizens Fire Company regarding any newspapers they may have about the 1922 Fireman's Convention.
- V. Terry Rang reported that she has been in contact with the Executive Editor of the Times Shamrock, which currently has the rights to the Record American newspapers. She will explore with them the possibility of getting permission to put the newspapers on Newspapers.com.
- VI. On a motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Frank Senglar, a revision to the by-laws was approved to define a quorum as 5 members, 3 of whom must be officers.
- VII. Kathy Wufsus has set to music the poem "The Bells of Mahanoy", which she performed at the end of the meeting. On a motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Frank Senglar, authorization was made to send it to a professional transcription service to be printed out.

## ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Jim Berezwick and seconded by Anne Evans. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, May 26, 2022.

Peg Coombe, Secretary