

A meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 6 PM at the Rhoades Downtown Center. Attending were: Marylou Henninger, Marie Majetsky, Terry Rang, Ed Miller, Frank Senglar, Anne Evans, Jim Berezwick, Jerry Kufrovich, Carol Blue, Paul Coombe, Peg Coombe, Peg Grigalonis, and Jim Eisenhart. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Paul Coombe.

MINUTES – The minutes of the November 2023 meeting were approved on a motion made by Marylou Henninger and seconded by Paul Coombe.

TREASURER’S REPORTS- The treasurer’s reports for November, December, and January were accepted on a motion made by Carol Blue and seconded by Terry Rang. Balance as of January 31 is \$37,890.26.

CORRESPONDENCE – Request for sponsorship from Mahanoy City Girls Softball. Denied as per policy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- I. The lease agreement will automatically renew unless we request otherwise in writing. The historical society still doesn’t have a signed copy. Also the need to include the research room in the renewals needs to be addressed.
- II. Antz has addressed the heating issues.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Basement Storage Area: It was decided to purchase pre-made metal shelving for the basement storage area, and to cover all 4 walls of the 40x12 foot space. It is estimated that 20 units will be needed. A June 2023 meeting has already approved the expenditure of \$3500, which should cover the expense. A motion made by Frank Senglar and seconded by Terry Rang passed, authorizing an expenditure of up to \$400 to buy treated lumber to rest the shelves on. Carol Blue has offered to donate a desk for the storage unit.
- II. There was a brief discussion regarding the necessity of moving of the tax records to the basement storage room from the library. Day, time, and volunteers are yet to be decided.
- III. Paul Coombe shared that the Ward family has donated two antique filing cabinets filled with vintage band music. There are also 4 Rubbermaid containers containing the same. These will all be housed in the basement storage area.
- IV. Jim Eisenhart shared information about the April 20th Rail Diesel Cars event. He has also offered to bring in a slide projector and work with Frank Senglar viewing slides.
- V. An application for a Snayberger Grant has been received. Marie Majetsky will look into this.
- VI. Anne Evans reported that some 6th grade students made St. Patrick’s Day decorations, which she has placed in the window.

ADJOURN - A motion to adjourn was made by Carol Blue and seconded by Marie Majetsky. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 21, 2024.

Peg Coombe, Secretary