

A meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 3 PM at the Rhoades Downtown Center. The meeting was held at 3 PM due to weather concerns. Attending were: Frank Senglar, Anne Evans, Charles Palulis, Marylou Henninger, Paul Coombe, and Peg Coombe. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Paul Coombe.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 2018 meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Marylou Henninger. Also accepted under this motion was the addendum regarding purchase of borough council minutes which was voted on at the November envelope stuffing.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Coombe presented the treasurer's reports for October through December 2018, as well as the 2018 Financial Report. These were accepted on a motion made by Frank Senglar and seconded by Anne Evans.

CORRESPONDENCE

Registration form was received for the Girardville St. Patrick's Parade.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- I. The signs for the Kaier Park were designed and submitted by Paul Coombe. Sign size is 3 feet by 5 feet and signs will be placed on either side of the entrance to the park. Copies of both signs as well as a Kaier portrait were copied as posters by Vista Print for display in the museum room.
- II. On a motion made by Anne Evans and seconded by Frank Senglar, approval was given for purchase of two display cases in the approximate amount of \$5000. Order will be placed in March or April for delivery directly to the museum room. One case will be an Arts case and the other a Sports case. They will subsequently be electrified and encapsulated.
- III. The old Borough Council Minutes have been purchased and samples shown to the attendees. At a future date these could be made searchable through a computer program.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. The Schuylkill County Historical Fair will be held on Saturday, February 9 from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Fairlane Mall.
- II. 13 Saule Lithuanian Newspaper binders have become available for purchase from Larry Levy. On a motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Marylou Henninger approval was given to purchase them for the amount of \$700.
- III. Anne Evans suggested having a special item created for sale at Christmas time in the historical room. This will be explored further in time to implement for Christmas.
- IV. Anne Evans reported on information she researched regarding an antique appraisal event. Several formats, costs, and available auctioneers were discussed. The Office of Aging has offered to partner with the historical society in having this event at the Resource Center. It was agreed to have the planning of this event move forward, with tentative scheduling for early summer. Details such as a free auctioneer will be explored.
- V. Paul Coombe discussed exploring the availability of a speaker who specializes in the history of postcards, a possible appraiser of postcards, and the possibility of compiling a new Arcadia book which would consist of local postcards. This will be discussed further.

There will be no meeting for the month of February. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Frank Senglar and seconded by Anne Evans.

Peg Coombe, Secretary