

A meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 6 PM at the Rhoades Building. Attending were: Frank Senglar, Terry Rang, Peg Grigalonis, Paul Coombe, Peg Coombe, Jim Berezwick, Marylou Henninger, Kathy Wufsus, and Jerry Kufrovich. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Kathy Wufsus.

MINUTES – The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Marylou Henninger.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The treasurer’s report for June was presented and approved on a motion made by Frank Senglar and seconded by Terry Rang. Balance as of June 30 was \$36,499.19.

CORRESPONDENCE – none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- I. Peg Grigalonis read a letter she composed which will be sent to the Mahanoy City Borough, regarding the expiration of the current 20 year lease for the museum room, with a request for renewal. Leases/agreements for the basement storage area and research room are current, and located in the research room.
- II. Terry Rang reported on the committee’s suggested options for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Historical Society. After discussion, a consensus was reached in which the celebration will be linked to the town’s Community Day on September 9. Tables and displays will be in front of the building, and the museum room will be open. The committee will discuss further plans for a possible raffle and treats or snacks. If there is poor attendance on that date, an open house will be scheduled for November. Volunteers for Community Day include Jim Berezwick, Frank Senglar, Terry Rang, Marylou Henninger, Peg Grigalonis, Anne Evans, and Paul Coombe.
- III. Paul Coombe provided an update on the shelving for the basement storage room. He and Frank Senglar will build a 24 foot section of shelving to be used for the Record American newspaper binders. The extra money voted upon in a previous motion will go toward further shelving.
- IV. No update on estimates by electricians.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Peg Grigalonis reported that she recorded an interview with Jim Eisenhart in which he shared his knowledge of trains and tunnels. He also offered to share some of his personal photos.
- II. Peg Grigalonis mentioned the possible need for establishing parameters in the by-laws for bidding procedures. No action was taken at this time.
- III. A motion was made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Kathy Wufsus to hire Ken Boyle’s grandson, or another computer technician, to troubleshoot the computer issues and make suggestions to aid in the purchasing of a new computer. Paul Coombe will price computers and email the members before purchase.
- IV. On a motion by Paul Coombe and seconded by Frank Senglar, approval was given for Frank Senglar and Peg Grigalonis to research and buy a new label maker.

- V. Paul Coombe reported briefly on the combined meeting of county historical societies. The Schuylkill County Historical Society gave out individual packets of relevant information to each historical society in attendance. It is also now willing to share its information and allow copying of photos, etc.
- VI. Lithuanian Days will be held on August 12th and 13th. Workers will include Paul Coombe, Jim Berezwick, Anne Evans, and Peg Grigalonis. Peg Grigalonis also reported that a group will be coming to the area on July 26 to work on fixing up the Lithuanian cemetery in Shenandoah.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Frank Senglar. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, August 31.