

A meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 6 PM at the Rhoades Building. Attending were: Frank Senglar, Paul Coombe, Peg Coombe, Jim Berezwick, Anne Evans, Terry Rang, Ed Miller, and Kathy Wufsus. The meeting was called to order by vice president, Frank Senglar, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Kathy Wufsus.

MINUTES – The minutes of the April 2024 meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Anne Evans and seconded by Kathy Wufsus.

Paul Coombe presented the financial report for April and reported the account balance of \$37,497, as of May 31. The report was accepted on a motion made by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Anne Evans.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- I. Betty Ann Chescattie has completed the audit of the financials for the last 8 years. She has requested seeing cancelled checks in future. A motion was made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Frank Senglar to compensate her in the amount of \$200. Motion passed.
- II. It was decided that the tax record books currently stored in the library remain there until shelving space in the basement storage area is completed.
- III. Two tables are now reserved for Lithuanian Days.
- IV. Update on the Molly Maguire brochure was given by Paul Coombe and Terry Rang. Currently, 8 Mahanoy City locations are being included on the map, dating from 1889. A representative of the county historical society has offered to assist with the brochure.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. A possible need for the power washing of the Molly Maguire monument was discussed. It was the consensus of the society that this should be the responsibility of the borough, but will be looked into further.
- II. Paul Coombe presented some possible areas of improvement that the historical society may be able to contribute to, both financially and the exploring of options.
 - A. Replacing the damaged concrete “K” at the Kaier Park with a metal replacement.
 - B. Cleaning or replacing the awning in front of the Rhoades Building.
- III. A motion was made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Kathy Wufsus stating the following: Check signers included on the bank account for the historical society shall include President, Peg Grigalonis, Vice President, Frank Senglar, Treasurer, Marylou Henninger, Financial Secretary, Marie Majetsky, Anne Evans, and Paul Coombe. Motion passed.
- IV. Ed Miller raised concern about the need for a sign on the front wall of the Molly Maguire monument as well as an “open” sign on the museum room door.
- V. Anne Evans will be taking books to sell at Ukrainian Day.
- VI. Anne Evans reported that Tony Gutsie has offered to identify the people in an old Social Club photo if he is provided with paperwork to fill out.
- VII. Paul Coombe shared information he has researched on two famous local women’s professional baseball players from the late 1800’s – Lizzie Stride and Clementina Brida.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ed Miller and seconded by Anne Evans. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, July 25.

Peg Coombe, Secretary