

A meeting of the Mahanoy Historical Society was held **November 18,2021** at 7:00 pm at the Rhoades Downtown Center Mahanoy City, Pa

Attendance: Paul Coombe, Peg Coombe, Peg Grigalonis, Frank Senglar, Anne Evans, Kathy Wufsus, Edwin Miller, Joan Goodman and Jim Berezwick

The meeting was opened by V.P. Peg Grigalonis followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Kathy Wufsus.

The minutes from the Sept.30th, 2021 were read by Sec. Anne Evans. Paul Coombe identified a required correction on the donation amount from the Catholic Slovak Ladies Association as \$250.00 not \$200.00 as stated in the minutes. Frank Senglar made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction, & Peg Coombe seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: September Total expenditures \$326.83 the largest of which was a canopy tent at \$201.39 useful for activities. Income included \$750.00 in donations. Total receipts \$770.40. Sept 2021 balance was \$29,712.12.

October 2021-Included the Catholic Slovak Women Association of \$250.00 and book, DVD sales and dues. Total receipts \$395.00.

Expenditures- total \$90.54 included telephone, internet and service charge. Balance October 31,2021 \$30,016.58.

Motion was made by Kathy Wufsus to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Edwin Miller. All in favor.

Correspondence: Request from Mahanoy City Chamber of Commerce to reinstate membership at \$25.00.

Old Business: Paul Coombe provided a summary of the history of the historical office interactions related to the Saule Lithuanian newspaper building in Mahanoy City. The Historical Society did not pay anyone to remove the newspapers for the building. Paul Coombe gave his personal money of \$220.00 to those who helped with the papers. Paul Coombe received the newspapers from Larry Levi. P. Coombe scanned the newspapers for purchase by the Lithuanian museum in Chicago and this reimbursed Paul Coombe for his personal expenses.

P. Coombe gave the papers to Larry Levi to burn. Dr. Weber wanted the hard copies and he purchased all of the papers from Larry and stored them in a building in Gordon. Dr. Weber is also interested in the Record American hard copies. A question arose if these papers would become a part of his estate. This

needs further investigation. The papers are now on the Lithuanian Museum web site. There is very little information in the papers about Mahanoy City ( other than local advertisements ) as the Saule was a national and international newspaper and shipped internationally from town.

Larry Levi retrieved pamphlets from the Saule building and gave them to the historical office. Peg Grigalonis showed samples of the pamphlets plus grocery and poultry spoons from Beckers grocery store, AG Timm's store and Temperance Absence badges from Father Matthews.

Paul Coombe took the old printer that had dried up during the co-vid closure to Goodwill in Cressona.

New Business: Paul Coombe on leave until Dec. 14th. News letter will be published upon his return. Christmas decorations will be ready for the Christmas Tree Lighting event.

Joan Goodman spoke about the Doctor's home in Morea. Stating McCabe bought the home in 1906 and found many handwritten notes of the boro.

Peg Grigalonis discussed the tribute to Dr. Holland and requested help identifying people in the pictures and the 1990 Cheerleaders picture.

Paul Coombe stated the Boro council hand written notes are more specific than the information from the state. Some years are missing from the state documents possibly 1890's.

Paul Coombe is interested in showing the Saule pamphlets to the Lithuanian Museum staff with the potential of selling them. Thanks to Larry Levi for retrieving them

Election of Officers:

Nominations: President Peg Grigalonis, Vice President Frank Senglar, Secretary Peg Coombe, Treasurer Paul Coombe, Financial Secretary Anne Evans.

President Vice President, Secretary and Financial Secretary all received 9 votes. Treasurer 8 votes and 1 abstain. All nominees elected. Installation of new officers at Jan.2022 meeting.

Check signatures. Paul Coombe discussed the number of signatures necessary for our operations. He advocated to continue with four (4) people and recommended addition of Anne Evans and eliminating Virginia Motsko. The check requires two (2) signatures.

Lakeside ballroom -Ed Miller briefed us on the upcoming Cancer fund event at the ballroom.

Peg Grigalonis met with the Bates, new owners of the ballroom and she shared history pictures with Peg. Paul Coombe is interested in putting ballroom pictures in the newsletter.

Tentative envelope stuffing Dec. 17th. Kathy Wufsus made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ed. Miller. All in favor. Next Meeting Jan. 27 at 7:00 PM at Historical Office.