

A meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 6 PM at the Rhoades Building. Attending were: Frank Senglar, Terry Rang, Jerry Kufrovich, Peg Grigalonis, Jim Berezwick, 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 July 2023 meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Terry Rang and seconded by Frank Senglar.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The treasurer’s report for July was accepted on a motion made by Terry Rang and seconded by Frank Senglar. Balance as of July 31 was \$36,049.47.

CORRESPONDENCE – A letter was received from Mary Fordham requesting information on the Kubek painting “The Our Father”. Paul Coombe will contact Nick Kupensky to try to get answers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- I. Peg Grigalonis did not receive a response from her letter to the borough regarding the lease for the museum room. She will make contact in person.
- II. A motion from July requiring two estimates from electricians was amended to allow for the acceptance of one estimate. It further stated the approval of the estimate submitted from Ward Electric in the approximate amount of \$1500. This motion was made by Frank Senglar, seconded by Paul Coombe, and approved by the group. An itemized estimate will be requested.
- III. It was decided that it is unnecessary to have someone come in to the research room to service the computers.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. On a motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Frank Senglar, a policy was put in place requiring two sealed bids for any work done in excess of \$10,000.
- II. Peg Grigalonis contacted Schuylkill Plus Magazine, which placed an ad for Community Day.
- III. On a motion made by Frank Senglar and seconded by Terry Rang, Paul Coombe was authorized to purchase a computer, monitor, and external hard drive for the research room. Amount not to exceed \$2000.
- IV. Terry Rang’s article on the railroads will appear in this Sunday’s edition of the Republican Herald.
- V. Author Jackie Fowler contacted the historical society with an offer to do a reading on her upcoming book on the Molly Maguires and Jack Kehoe, titled “ Jack, The Almost True Story of the Molly Maguires”. It was decided to try to coordinate with Angela Nassar to use the Village Inn as the venue. Date to be scheduled for late September.
- VI. Frank Senglar expressed the necessity of the three regular staff members for the museum/research room having keys and the passcode for the alarm. This will be policy and go into effect.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Terry Rang and seconded by Paul Coombe. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, September 28.

Peg Coombe, Secretary