

A meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 6 PM at the Rhoades Building. Attending were: Jim Berezwick, Terry Rang, Jerry Kufrovich, Frank Senglar, Peg Grigalonis, Paul Coombe, Peg Coombe, Kathy Wufsus, and Jim Eisenhart. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer.

MINUTES – The minutes of the June 2024 meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Frank Senglar and seconded by Paul Coombe.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The treasurer’s reports for May, June, and July were presented by Paul Coombe and accepted on a motion made by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Terry Rang. Balance as of July 31 was \$36,238.63.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- I. The Molly Maguire brochure has been completed and will be given out to visitors on Community Day. Additional information will be provided on the website. Jim Eisenhart has a copy of the auto tour cassette which he will provide to the historical society for duplication.
- II. Tony Gutsi provided identification of many of the individuals in the 1946 Social Club photo.
- III. Peg Grigalonis reported on the events involving Lithuanian Days, including the refurbishment of tombstones in the Lithuanian Cemetery on the Brandonville Road by student volunteers from across the country.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Artist Joe Evanousky plans to make sketches of all of the Lithuanian churches in Schuylkill County.
- II. Community Day will be held on Saturday, September 14. The museum room will be open and tables will also be outside.
- III. Peg Grigalonis reported that permission has been given to remove the Schuylkill River Heritage display from the lobby wall. She has suggested replacing it with a locked display case featuring crafts by women, such as such as homemade ceramics, toys, and sewing.
It was further suggested that the historical society advertise to accumulate appropriate items before proceeding. Paul Coombe will advertise this on the historical society Facebook page. He will also include a request for any information on the Lithuanian Cemetery on the Brandonville Road.
- IV. Author Robert McCormick has offered to do a book signing. Paul Coombe will evaluate the content of the book for references of interest to this area before a decision is made.
- V. An individual has offered \$10,000 to purchase the Mahanoy City Reading Railroad sign currently in the front window. As is its policy, the historical society does not sell its contents.
- VI. The museum room air conditioning is currently not working. Peg Grigalonis will contact Antz for repair.
- VII. It was suggested that the existence of a town calendar of events be explored. This will be looked into.
- VIII. Larry Levy brought in a number of items from the former VFW, including parade helmets, a podium top, and Paul Reese Post sign.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Kathy Wufsus and seconded by Terry Rang.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26.

Peg Coombe, Secretary

