

A meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on **Thursday, March 30, 2023** at 6 PM at the Rhoades Building. Attending were: Peg Grigalonis, Paul Coombe, Frank Senglar, Terry Rang, Jerry Kufrovich, Peg Coombe, Ed Miller, and Anne Evans. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Paul Coombe.

MINUTES – The minutes of the November 2022 meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Terry Rang and seconded by Frank Senglar.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Treasurer Paul Coombe presented the financial reports for November and December, 2022 and January and February, 2023. Ending balance on February 28 was \$38,984.72. The treasurer’s report was accepted on a motion made by Frank Senglar and seconded by Anne Evans.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- I. Receipt of donation of \$750 from the Mary Comerford Trust.
- II. Letter from Mahanoy Area Chamber of Commerce requesting renewal of historical society membership. Renewal will be sent.
- III. Letter from Memorial Day Parade Committee requesting participation in parade. Frank Senglar will contact Francis Burke regarding feasibility.
- IV. Thank you letter from Northumberland County Department of Economic Development and Planning for our written support in their request for a state grant for courthouse restoration.
- V. Request for sponsorship from Mahanoy City Girls Softball League. As per policy, request was denied.
- VI. Check from Glenn Love for the construction of basement storage. Quotes handwritten on check were read.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- I. Peg Coombe will call Roy Bradbury regarding the cemetery fence project.
- II. The Record American newspapers are being uploaded onto newspapers.com. Currently the years 1919-1950 are available. Several years of the Mahanoy City Record are also available. Notification of availability will be put on the website.
- III. The remaining grant money from the Schuylkill County Visitors Bureau will be used to make flyers/rack cards to promote the Lithuanian Days video that is on YouTube.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- I. Permission for construction of a storage unit in the Rhoades Building basement was approved by ARDCO. An estimate in the amount of \$5666 was done by Jeff Bowers of Bowers Home Improvements. The following motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Frank Senglar was passed: “The historical society accepts the current estimate by Jeff Bowers to construct the basement storage unit using the funds donated by Glenn Love. If alterations are necessary, further funding will be provided by the historical society.”
- II. Paul Coombe reported that there is more shelving in the basement of M&T Bank which we can have for the new storage unit.
- III. Mahanoy Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a train ride for Community Day in September.
- IV. Photos are needed for a proposed Ukrainian Day banner.
- V. Author Maxim Furek offered to do a free presentation on one of his books. This could possibly be hosted or co-hosted by the Senior Center.
- VI. Discussion was made regarding having a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner in the Fall. Exploration of possible venue will take place.

Tentative date for next meeting is Thursday, April 27.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Ed Miller.

Peg Coombe, Secretary – Mahanoy Area Historical Society