

A meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on **Thursday, November 17, 2022** at 6 PM at the Rhoades Downtown Center. Attending were: Peg Grigalonis, Frank Senglar, Paul Coombe, Peg Coombe, Edwin Miller, Carol Blue, Terry Rang, and Jerry Kufrovich. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Paul Coombe.

MINUTES – The minutes of the September 2022 meeting were read and accepted on a motion made by Ed Miller and seconded by Frank Senglar.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The treasurer’s reports for September and October were presented by Paul Coombe. Ending balance on October 31 was \$36,009.98. The treasurer’s report was accepted on a motion made by Frank Senglar and seconded by Terry Rang.

CORRESPONDENCE – Schuylkill County Historical Society contacted Paul Coombe by phone regarding participation in their Christmas tree decorating contest. The historical society has declined.

ACCESSIONS – I. A number of old bottles were donated by Larry Levy.

II. A box of ceramic houses was donated by Anne Evans.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- I. Donation check for cemetery fence project will be sent.
- II. Discussion was held regarding the John Oakley prints and how best to make them accessible. Terry Rang reported that her existing prints are the best quality we have available at present. Peg Grigalonis brought an original painting to show, which can be scanned to make prints.
- III. The digital files of the Record American newspapers that were sent to newspapers.com are acceptable. However, each page would need an individual pdf. Question remains as to whether newspapers.com is able to do this.
- IV. The remainder of the SCVB grant for Lithuanian Days needs to be spent in an appropriate way.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Peg Grigalonis reported that Glenn Love indicated that the Mahanoy Township Alumni will no longer be having reunions or meetings. He expressed some concerns about the existing MTHS display cases at the high school. He further offered to donate some funds to the historical society to pay for additional storage space, possibly climate controlled.
- II. The following motion was made by Paul Coombe and seconded by Ed Miller: The Mahanoy Area Historical Society would accept the display cases and contents if offered to us by the Mahanoy Township Alumni, with the approval of the Mahanoy Area School District. The motion passed with a vote of 7 to 1.
- III. The existing Lithuanian flag which is in the front window will be replaced with a smaller version.
- IV. Paul Coombe will send digital copies of the Charles Palulis glass slides to Frank Senglar, who will take them to Neal Flexor to have them converted into high resolution pictures and put on a CD.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Carol Blue and seconded by Terry Rang.

Next meeting to be held on January 26, 2023.

Peg Coombe, Secretary