



MAHANOY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 1 PM at the Rhoades Downtown Center. Attending were Tom Ward, Frank Senglar, Bettie Ann Chescattie, Peg Coombe, Paul Coombe, Mary Lou Henninger, Elaine Luschus, and Ron Andruscavage.

President Tom Ward opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Paul Coombe.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March, 2012 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance: \$ 4975.85

Receipts: \$23.00

Expenditures: \$194.87

The treasurer's report indicated the following balances:

General Account: \$ 4803.98 includes \$197.29 in Memorial fund monies)

Paypal: \$ 549.37

Newspaper project: \$ 6,464.17

CD: \$ 10,057.42 (matures 05/10/12 0.10%)

The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Mary Lou Henninger, seconded by Elaine Luschus.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEES

Membership: 161; 116 paid through 2012

Images Book: Elaine Luschus reported on progress with the project. More sample pictures will be sent for approval on May 8th. After a discussion of the need to purchase some photo rights a motion was made by Peg Coombe, seconded by Betty Ann Chescattie to set aside \$200 for the purchase of photos.



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Newspaper Project: Paul Coombe presented a plan to complete the newspaper project from 1931 through 1969 at a cost of \$.15 per page. The project will take up to three years to complete. Searchable PDF copies of the Record American will be delivered to the historical society on a quarterly schedule beginning in the summer of 2012. The total cost of the project will be \$16,500 to be paid in quarterly installments. The project will be completed by Peg and Paul Coombe (PPC Scanning)

Centennial Video: The digitized copy has been delivered and needs to be edited and condensed. Copies have been distributed to committee members for editing suggestions.

Speakers: Charles Adams, Tom Ward, Jr., Judge John Domalakes and Bob Fallan have been booked for late summer – fall speakers' programs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A presentation by Dave Latshaw of M&T Bank on investment possibilities for the monies currently held in the Certificate of Deposit.
2. Discussion for the possible need for a rider on the HS insurance policy to cover activities held on the second floor of the Rhoades Center. Tom Ward contacted Seltzer Insurance.
3. A motion by Elaine Luschnus, seconded by Mary Lou Henninger to join Facebook was approved.
4. A motion by Paul Coombe, seconded by Betty Ann Chescattie to contribute \$100 to the Senator James Rhoades Band Concert was approved.
5. A motion by Elaine Luschnus, seconded by Ron Andruscavage to pay a \$30 fee for attendance at the annual Shenandoah Kielbasa Festival was approved.
6. A motion by Peg Coombe, seconded by Elaine Luschnus to close the Paypal Account and transfer the balance to the Newspaper project was approved.
7. Tom Ward reported that an attractive basket for the Jeff Donnelly Memorial Softball Tournament was prepared and donated by Elaine Luschnus on behalf of the Historical Society.
8. Tom Ward reported on the Role of Honor display of Purple Heart recipients loaned to the Historical Society by the American Legion and set in the window by Frank Senglar and Ramon Soto.

NEXT MEETING: May 31, 2012 at 7:00 PM

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Peg Coombe, seconded by Elaine Luschnus.