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### MAHANAY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 29, 2001

President Larry Levy called the monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were: Larry Levy, Edward Strasavage, Michael Cheslock, Susan Zimmerman, Teresa McCord, Travis Kromer, Francis Senglar, George Krall, Kathleen Wufsus, and Rose Flamini.

A motion was made by George Krall, seconded by Michael Cheslock to dispense with the reading of the December minutes and to accept the printed copy. Motion approved.

**Secretary's report** – The secretary's report was read by Teresa McCord in the absence of Lorrie Bennick. Motion to accept by Rose Flamini, seconded by Travis Kromer.

**Treasurer's report:**

Ending balance as of 1/29/01 of \$2,362.70. Motion to accept made by George Krall, seconded by Michael Cheslock. Approved.

**Membership Committee:**

Michael Cheslock reported that twelve (12) new members joined during the Christmas Tour. Mike suggested having a speaker at the meetings and looking at alternate locations to open the meetings more to the public. He also suggested more advertisement of the meetings.

**Property & Artifacts:**

Rose had pictures given by Martha Evans. Rose will catalog the items. Also, George Krall received 2 donated railroad spikes.

**New Building Committee:**

George Krall had no report. Questions were asked about the train station & restaurant and the status of the Woolworth Building. No answers were available.

**P&R Committee:**

A meeting has been scheduled for February 6 at 7 PM to write letters to John Rich & Donna Kemfort for additional information on the old P&R Station on North Main Street.

**Restoration/Revitalization:**

A member will attend the next Chamber of Commerce meeting (2/27 - 12:30) to address the removal of the old welcome signs.

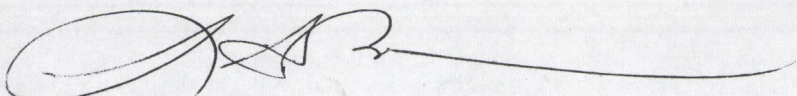
**Good of the Order** – Larry reported that he spoke with Mr. Lieberman regarding the Kaeir logo on the trains for the Ellie's Lokie project.

A motion was made by George Krall, seconded by Rose Flamini to pay for three members to attend a grant-writing seminar sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Mike, Larry and Susan will attend.

An Executive Board meeting will be held Monday, February 19 at 6:30 pm at the Library.

**The next meeting will be held Monday, February 26, 2001 at 7 PM at the Mahanoy City Public Library.**

Respectfully submitted,



Lorrie A. Bennick  
Secretary

### MAHANAY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 26, 2001

President Larry Levy called the monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were: Larry Levy, Edward Strasavage, Michael Cheslock, Susan Zimmerman, Teresa McCord, Francis Senglar, Charlotte Maurey, Kathleen Wufsus, and Rose Flamini.

In the absence of Secretary Lorrie Bennick, President Levy asked for someone to take the minutes, Susan Zimmerman volunteered.

**Secretary's report** – No report. A motion to accept the minutes of the February was made by Rose Flamini, seconded by Michael Cheslock. Teresa McCord also reminded everyone that articles of the newsletter are due March 30.

**Treasurer's report:**

Ending balance as of 3/26/2001 of \$2,472.50. Motion to accept made by Kathy Wufsus, seconded by Charlotte Maurey. Approved.

**Correspondence:** None

**Membership Committee:**

Michael Cheslock stated he submitted names and addresses from the December Christmas tour to Lorrie. In regards to the December tour, Rose Flamini said that thank you notes were sent to Louise Curley 7 the Water Company. She also stated that Louise is unable to donate family pictures, as they must remain with the family.

**Fundraising:** Suggestions to raise money were to have a bake sale, Chinese auction or??

**Ethnic Day** – Rose Flamini asked if we are going to participate in Ethnic Day this year. President Levy said it was only for churches and they do not want us to participate. It will take money away from their sales.

- May 30<sup>th</sup> - Parade – Sell t-shirts; The Mahanoy City High School class reunion committee is having a dedication at Herman's Park for the placement of a stone and flagpole in memory of Mahanoy City High School.
- Sept 22 – MCHS reunion and football game – school will be open to see display cases.
- Frackville his having a 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary – not sure of date.
- Include article in upcoming newsletter about July "Community Day". A number of ideas have been discussed.

**Christmas House Tour:** no report submitted as of this time.

**Molly Maguire Historical Park** – The Society wanted it duly noted that it had no vote or involvement in the selection of the monument.

**Restoration/Revitalization:**

Mike reported on the P&R Building. Favorable talks have been held with John Rich. The committee is preparing an application for technical assistance.

**Public Relations** – Teresa sent a letter to Jennifer Bowen Frantz of the Orwigsburg Historical Society asking her if we can be a part of the joining meeting of local historical societies. Jennifer called and invited the organization. Teresa and Susan attended the meeting on Wed. March 14<sup>th</sup> in Orwigsburg.

**Good of the Order** – After discussion, a motion was made by Mike C. to get a separate PO Box for the Society., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rose Flamini. Also mentioned is that the Historical Society is still looking for a website! New email address: [MahanoyHistorical@YAHOO.com](mailto:MahanoyHistorical@YAHOO.com)

A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Francis Senglar to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Zimmerman  
Acting Secretary

**NEXT MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 30 – 7:00 PM**

MAHANoy AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 30, 2001

President Larry Levy called the Meeting to order at 7 PM. In attendance were Larry Levy, Teresa McCord, Ed Strasavage, Lorrie Bennick, George Krall, Rose Flamini, Susan Zimmerman, Charlotte Maurey, Michael Cheslock and Francis Senglar.

A motion was made by George Krall, seconded by Michael Cheslock to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Approved

Secretary's Report – the newsletter and invoices for membership were sent during the month of April. Articles of interest for the next newsletter are greatly appreciated. Need by mid June. Can be emailed to Lorrie at [mcboro@ptd.net](mailto:mcboro@ptd.net). A motion was made by Susan Zimmerman, seconded by Michael Cheslock, to accept the report. Approved.

Treasurer's report – Ed reported an ending balance of \$2,630.70, with expenses of \$72 and deposits of \$230. A motion to accept was made by Susan Zimmerman, seconded by Michael Cheslock. Approved.

Correspondence – The Estate of Richard Boyle made a cash bequest in the amount of \$200, a letter of thanks will be sent. It was discussed to write a small "short take" note for the newspaper recognizing the bequest.

A letter was received the Elks to participate in their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program. A motion was made by Lorrie Bennick, seconded by Rose Flamini to purchase a \$50 ad. All in favor.

Membership Committee – No report

Program/Artifacts – Rose Flamini continues to catalog items in storage.

Fundraising – Susan Z will look into the afghan sale for Christmas.

Restoration and Revitalization – the Technical assistance application is almost complete, need tax information. Plan to file by early May.

Michael, George K., ~~Mary Wohnhaus~~, Susan Z and Larry L were asked to serve on the Visitors Center Committee to assist in planning the layout of the area. They will schedule a meeting with the architect.

Plans for the Molly Maguire Park continue. Fundraising efforts must begin - \$50,000+ is needed for the project.

Plans for the Homecoming Weekend were discussed. Tentative plans include a prayer service, antique dealers and craft/vendors. Larry will work on flyers. A committee meeting will be held. An invitation to all non-profit organizations will be publicized to increase interest, participation. The Good American Hose Co will be asked to participate in sponsoring some type of meal.

A motion to adjourn was made by George Krall, seconded by Rose Flamini. All approved. The next Executive Board meeting will be held May 14<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be held May 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM (moved from May 28 due to Memorial Day).

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorrie.A. Bennick  
Secretary

MAHANoy AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEETING MINUTES  
*MAY 2001*

President Larry Levy called the Meeting to order at 7 PM. In attendance were Larry Levy, Teresa McCord, Ed Strasavage, Lorrie Bennick, Rose Flamini, Susan Zimmerman, Charlotte Maurey, Kathy Wufsus.

A motion was made by Rose Flamini, seconded by Charlotte Maurey to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Approved

Secretary's Report – There was no correspondence to report. It was approved by the membership to split the secretary's duties. Teresa McCord will maintain all membership records. Lorrie Bennick will continue to record minutes and correspondence. A motion was made by Susan Zimmerman, seconded by Rose Flamini, to accept the report. Approved.

Treasurer's report – Ed reported an ending balance of \$2,713.90, with expenses of \$31.80 and deposits of \$115. A motion to accept was made by Charlotte Maurey, seconded by Kathy Wufsus. Approved.

Membership Committee – Membership renewals were received and recorded. Community Day should help boost membership.

Public Relations – Mike is working with Dwayne Messerschmidt of CYBERVANIA regarding our website. He is submitting some general info about the society and a membership application.

Property/Artifacts – A brochure was received from Margaret Aschman. Larry still has numerous items in storage to be cataloged. The items will be given to Rose Flamini for recording and returned to storage.

Fundraising – The group discussed selling baseball caps with the Society logo. T-shirts of all sizes are still available.

Restoration and Revitalization – the Technical assistance application to study the P&R building was filed. Michael, Susan, Teresa and Larry have been working on the project for several months. Lorrie filed the paperwork. Mike conversed with Mr. Rich of Reading Anthracite and he has expressed an interest in working with the Society on the project.

It was requested to remove Mary Wohnhaus from the Revitalization committee, as she is unable to attend regular meetings.

Plans for the Homecoming Weekend were discussed. Organizations calling about the prayer service were forwarded to the Ministerium. Mayor DiBaggio will discuss with Council the approval of a Waiver of Vendor Permit. Schedule of events (tentative) Sat 10 AM – Prayer Service, 11-3 – Craft & antique vendors. Live music by the Patchies, dancing, T-102(?), Will coincide events with St. Mary's Greek Bazaar. Sunday will feature a town-wide yard sale. It was decided to go ahead with the sale at individual homes rather than one specific site. Maps of the participating households will be provided free of charge. Registration is \$3 per household. The garden tour will be held from 12-4 PM. Mike Cheslock is donating the prizes for the tour winners.

Molly Maguire Historical Park – questions were raised on the status of the park and "who's project it was". It was noted that the project is being administered by the Mahanoy City Borough and an Advisory Board of numerous Molly Historians are participating in the development.

Memorial Day Parade – Mike Kitsock will allow the Historical Society to use 2 antique cars for the parade. Lorrie and Mr. Maurey will be drivers. Passengers will be Teresa McCord, Rose Flamini and Charlotte Maurey.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rose Flamini, seconded by Charlotte Maurey. All approved. The next Executive Board meeting will be held June 18. The next meeting will be held June 25 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorrie A. Bennick  
Secretary

MAHANAY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEETING MINUTES 6/25/2001

PRESIDENT LARRY LEVY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7 P.M. IN ATTENDANCE WERE LARRY LEVY, TERESA MCCORD, ED STRASAVAGE, SUSAN ZIMMERMAN, MIKE CHESLOCK, CHARLOTTE MAURY, FRANK SELGRATE, GEORGE KRALL, ROSE FLAMINI.

MINUTES WERE READ AND CORRECTED, CHANGING HOMECOMING TO COMMUNITY DAYS, MOTION TO CORRECT MADE BY GEORGE KRALL, SECONDED BY CHARLOTTE MAURY, MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS CORRECTED BY MEMBERS.

SECRETARY'S REPORT LORRIE MADE SIGNS FOR COMMUNITY DAYS, MEMBERS RECEIVED THEM TO PUT THEM IN PLACES ALL OVER TOWN.

TREASURER'S REPORT, ED REPORTED ENDING BALANCE OF \$2813.90  
EXPENSES \$ 50.00  
BALANCE ON HANDS \$2783.90

CORRESPONDENCE REVEREND KON FROM THE MINISTERIAL GROUP SUGGEST THAT IN THE FUTURE, YARD SALES SHOULD BEGIN ON A SUNDAY AT 12 NOON.

MEMBERSHIP NO REPORT.

PROPERTY/ARTIFACTS NO REPORT.

FUND RAISERS GEORGE KRALL SUGGESTED NUT & POPPYSEED ROLL SALE, HE HAS A NAME OF A WOMAN IN TAMAQUA, WHO DOES THIS FOR A LIVING.

ELLIE LOCOMOTIVE, ARE MAKING THE KAIERS CAR, AND WILL DONATE \$5.00 ON THE SALE TO THE SOCIETY.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BOSOV'S IS HAVE A COMMUNITY DAY ON SATURDAY OCT. 13. TABLES ARE FREE, YOU MUST REGISTER IF YOU WANT TO TAKE PART IN THIS YOU CAN SELL, T - SHIRTS, HATS, ~~JEANS~~ OR THE NUT ROLLS.

VISTOR'S CENTER A GRANT HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO START RESTORATION ON THE BUILDING.

OLD BUSINESS NO REPORT.

NEW BUSINESS GARY SENADITIS WILL MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP RECORDS. A STANDARD LETTERHEAD IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE SOCIETY, BRING IDEAS TO NEXT MEETING. MOTION TO ADJOURN BY GEORGE KRALL, SECONDED BY CHARLOTTE MAURY.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED ROSE FLAMINI

MAHANAY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 27, 2001

President Larry Levy called the Meeting to order at 7 PM. In attendance were Larry Levy, Teresa McCord, Ed Strasavage, Lorrie Bennick, George Krall, Rose Flamini, Susan Zimmerman, Charlotte Maurey, Michael Cheslock, Kate Nolan, Page Grigalonis, and Frank Selgrath

Susan Zimmerman, seconded by Peg Grigalonis, made a motion to approve the minutes from the July meetin. One correction was made to the minutes. The Third prize would have been a t-shirt. Since the winner was a 2 time winner, a \$10 check was given in lieu of the t-shirt. All approved.

An introduction was made of guest Kate Nolan. It was noted that new memberships were received from Rose and Eugene Heiler, Kenneth and Ann Biddle.

**Secretary's Report** – a letter was received from the Meals on Wheel program asking for participants in their Walk-for-Meals. Two memorial donations were received in memory of Betty Mazalusky and Francis Whitmayer.. Rose Flamini, seconded by George Krall, made a motion to accept the report. Approved.

**Treasurer's report** – ending balance as of 30 July was \$3,097.90. Expenditures of \$263, the Chiao's donated their prize money back to the Society in the amount of \$40. A balance as of 8/27/01 is \$2,834.90. A motion to accept was made by Michael Cheslock, seconded by Charlotte Maury. Approved.

**Membership Committee** – Memberships were received from four new members. A lengthy discussion was held on billing for membership renewals. A motion was made by Frank Selgrath to set billing at 1 time per year for the period of January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, and annually thereafter. Those who paid after July, 2001, would automatically receive the 2002 membership. George Krall seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. All membership applications received after October 1<sup>st</sup> will automatically receive membership cards for 2002. New billings will be processed in November.

**Program/Artifacts** – Rose Flamini received a Centennial Book and Kaeir opener from Elmer Techentine.

**Hospitality/Public Relations** – Frank Selgrath included a copy of the Society's application with the newsletter for the Mahanoy Township Alumni. Lorrie asked that all articles for the upcoming newsletter be delivered by September 15.

**Restoration and Revitalization** – Lorrie was asked to check with the State Historical society on the status of the application.

**Visitors Center** – work in progress, no info at this time.

**Xmas Tour** – a meeting is scheduled for September 5 at 6:30 Borough Hall to discuss plans. Discussion was held to hold a home decorating contest and window decorating for Halloween.

**Old Business** – a problem occurred with the Community Day advertisement, it was over spent by \$100 and was not authorized by the committee. A motion was made by George, seconded by Mike Cheslock, to have all committee chairman review all advertisements, including price, prior to placement of ad.

**New Business** – September 12 meeting for Schuylkill County Historical Society Coalition at 310 N. Center, Pottsville.

A motion to adjourn was made by George Krall, seconded by Charlotte Maury. All approved. The next Executive Board meeting will be held September 17.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorrie A. Bennick  
Secretary

MAHANAY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 2001

President Larry Levy called the Meeting to order at 7 PM. In attendance were Larry Levy, Teresa McCord, Ed Strasavage, Lorrie Bennick, Rose Flamini, Susan Zimmerman, Charlotte Maurey, Frank Selgrath and Peg Grigalonis.

Frank Selgrath made a correction to the August minutes. The membership application to be mailed with the Mahanoy Alumni Association will be proposed to the Alumni by Frank Selgrath. A motion was made by Frank Selgrath, seconded by Charlotte Maurey to approve the corrected minutes.

**Secretary's Report** - A letter was received from the IRS regarding filing of taxes. Larry will seek advice on the proper response. A motion was made by Charlotte Maurey, seconded by Peg Grigalonis, to accept the report. Approved.

**Treasurer's report** - Ed reported a starting balance of \$2,819.90, expenditures of \$214 and no deposits of \$115, for an ending balance of \$2,605.90. A motion to accept was made by Peg Grigalonis, seconded by Susan Zimmerman. Approved.

**Membership Committee** - Peg Grigalonis received a membership from Sofie Klemie. She also updated the database and requested stamps for the new membership dues mailing.

**Programs/Artifacts** - No report.

**Public Relations** - Newsletters will be mailed this week.

**Fundraising** - Baseball caps are available - hats with embroidered logo - \$13, screen print - \$7. Available at Hanrahan's Market or call Teresa at 773-2911.

**Restoration and Revitalization** - Work continues on the Visitors Center. Applications for additional funding will be submitted to Penn DOT.

**Xmas Tour** - The committee is working with the Lambda Nu Society and the Borough to hold a Christmas tree decorating contest, utilizing the downtown storefronts and tie in with Christmas Tree lighting on Saturday November 24. There are no plans at this time for the traditional tour. The group is discussing holding a dinner at the Elk's to tie into the West End Decorating Contest.

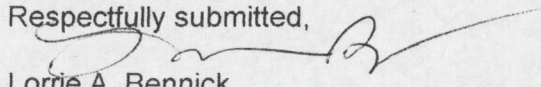
**Halloween** - Mr. Reh has approved having the art student's paint participating storefront windows for Halloween. Rose Flamini will coordinate. Three businesses to date have signed up. Next meeting is on Wednesday, October 10, 6:30 at the Library.

**Good of the Society** - Teresa McCord clipped newspaper articles regarding the fire in 1945 - Memorial Day Fire. Frank Selgrath questioned the list of Committee Chairs. Suggested eliminating some committees and relinquishing the duty to the Chair to select committee members as needed. It was also discussed that a person should only chair one committee. Members are encouraged to participate and volunteer for committees. Frank Selgrath offered to serve on the Visitor Centre Committee and Property and Artifacts. Charlotte Maurey volunteered to serve on various committees as needed.

**November will be election of new officers. All members are encouraged to submit names and attend the meeting.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Zimmerman, seconded by Charlotte Maurey. All approved. The next Executive Board meeting will be held October 22. The next meeting will be held October 29 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lorrie A. Bennick  
Secretary

MAHANAY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 29, 2001

**MINUTES PENDING MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL**

The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was called to order by President Larry Levy opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were: George Krall, Larry Levy, Lorrie Bennick, Ed Strasavage, Teresa McCord, Frank Selgrath, Charlotte Maurey, Rose Flamini, Peg Grigalonis, Suzan Zimmerman, Travis Kromer, Michael Cheslock, and guest Janet Kurzinsky.

Minutes of the September meeting were read and stand approved with no corrections.

Secretary - a letter was received from PA Department of Education inviting the Society to review current information on the PDE website for libraries and historical societies ([www.statelibrary.state.pa.us](http://www.statelibrary.state.pa.us)) Lorrie will review the information.

**Treasurer's Report** - Beginning balance of \$2,605.90, total deposits, \$25. Check to D Zerby for advertising had to be void and rewritten as check was lost in mail. Finance charge of \$3.22 was added for a total amount due of \$317.72. Postage was purchased. Total expenditures of \$2,593.90. Motion to approve by George Krall, seconded by Susan Zimmerman. All approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership** - A presentation was made to the St. Canicus Women's Guild on Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the newsletter and membership applications were distributed. The Guild donated a gift of \$25 to the Society for the speaking presentation. Membership dues letters are prepared and will be mailed in the upcoming week. Dues are due December 31, 2001. Copies of the September and October minutes will be included. A thank you note was sent to Vicki Bruno at Mahanoy Elderly thanking them for their cooperation for Community Day.

**Fund Raising** - None

**Property & Artifacts** - no items received. Rose has completed the inventory of all items received to date.

**Public Relations** - a speaker was chosen from the PHMC list. The March, 2002 meeting was selected for the presentation. Michael will make the arrangements.

**Restoration & Revitalization** - Michael will give an update on the P&R Building at the next meeting. Lorrie reported that construction is still underway at the Visitors Center. Phase II - exterior renovation may be delayed pending receipt of state funds (funds have been "frozen" at a state level due to terrorist attacks & budget deficit).

**Xmas Tour Update** - Saturday, November 24- In conjunction with Lambda Nu and Borough. Santa will be at the Hi-rise, community groups will decorate trees to be displayed in downtown storefronts, tree lighting and horse drawn carriage, carolers.

Next committee meeting Wednesday, November 14 at 6 PM Borough Hall.

**Halloween Contest** - 6 judges made the final decision for the decorating contest. 6 homes were entered: 1<sup>st</sup> - Helen Bruzofsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Joan Sisak, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Christian Fernandez (all of Mahanoy City) and Honorable Mention - Lucy Petritch of Morea.

A news release will be prepared and forwarded to papers.

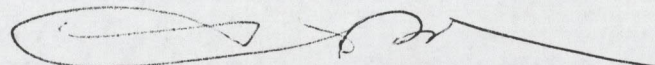
**Old Business** - None

**Good of Society** - the question was again brought to the floor to consider reorganizing committees. A motion was made by Frank Selgrath to review the committee situation and line up committees and present then see if someone is willing to take a position. The motion was amended by Lorrie Bennick to read "a motion to have the Executive Committee review the existing committees, delineate and define the committee responsibilities and make a recommendation to the membership." All approved.

**Executive Board will meet Thursday, November 8 at 6PM, Mahanoy City Borough Hall.**

**NOTE - NOMINATION OF OFFICERS IN NOVEMBER.** The floor will be open to nominations. Must be present to accept nomination. **December meeting has been moved to December 17 due to the holidays.** Elections, a brief meeting and holiday cheer will be on the agenda.

A motion to adjourn was made by Charlotte Maurey, seconded by Rose Flamini. All approved.



**MAHANAY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Meeting Minutes - November 26, 2001**

The Mahanoy Area Historical Society held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 26, 2001. President Larry Levy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were: Michael Cheslock, Teresa McCord, Larry Levy, Lorrie Bennick, Ed Strasavage, Susan Zimmerman, Travis Kromer, Rose Flamini, Kathy Wufsus, Charlotte Maury, Bernice Narrow, Peg Grigalonis and Frank Selgrath.

The general membership waived the reading of the minutes of the October meeting. Minutes stand approved as printed.

No report from the Secretary. No correspondence was received.

**Treasurer Report** – Deposits of \$55 received, expenditures of \$109, ending balance as of Nov 20, 2001 - \$2,539.18. A motion was made by Susan Zimmerman to accept the Treasurer and Secretary report. All in favor.

**Property & Artifacts** – Rose Flamini reported that no new donations were received. It was also discussed to consider submitting a PHMC Technical Assistance Grant to learn how to properly categorize and store artifacts.

**Membership**- Peg Grigalonis sent letters to all members to owed dues for the 2002 year. Approximately 30 members responded to date.

**Restoration/Revitalization** – An application for a PHMC speaker has been filed. The committee is requesting a speaker for the March Meeting. Details will be forwarded upon approval. P&R Building – a letter requesting a 25 year lease option will be presented to John Rich to enable the Society to obtain grant funds to study the site. NO news on the Visitor Center.

**Christmas Lighting** – it was suggested that an “alternate plan” be developed for next year’s tree lighting (due to inclement weather) such as another site – inside - or rain date. People from outside the community did come for the concerts and were disappointed that some of the groups had to cancel.

**Good of the Membership** – Frank Selgrath, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rose Flamini, made a motion to open the Bylaws for Amendment. Approved. After much discussion, it was decided to appoint a By Laws committee to propose changes to the By-Laws. Changes will be mailed to the General Membership prior to voting. Committee members are: Frank Selgrath, Lorrie Bennick, Susan Zimmerman, Michael Cheslock and Larry Levy. The meeting will be held Tues, Dec 11, 5:30 to 6:30 PM at Boro Hall.

**New Business** - \$40 was collected in t-shirt sales, \$40 in hat sales.

Kathy Wufsus reported on a self-guided Christmas Church Tour idea (after Christmas) that she was discussing with members of the clergy. If the ministerial association is interested, she will contact interested members of the society to assist.

A question was asked regarding the IRS tax letter received in September. No action has been taken to date. Lorrie Bennick volunteered to contact the IRS and resolve the issue.

**Nomination of officers:** The following nominations were accepted and approved:

President – Larry Levy, Vice President, Teresa McCord, Treasurer – Michael Cheslock, Secretary – Lorrie Bennick. Nominations will be accepted at the December Meeting, followed by elections. A motion to adjourn was made by Bernice Narrow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlotte Maurey.

Submitted by,

Lorrie Bennick, Secretary

**MAHANAY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2001**

The Mahanoy Area Historical Society held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 17, 2001. President Larry Levy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were: Michael Cheslock, Teresa McCord, Larry Levy, Lorrie Bennick, Ed Strasavage, Susan Zimmerman, Travis Kromer, Rose Flamini, Kathy Wufsus, Charlotte Maury, Francis Senglar and Frank Selgrath.

A motion was made by Rose Flamini, seconded by Susan Zimmerman to accept the minutes of the November meeting. Minutes stand approved as printed.

Corresponding Secretary – a thank you letter was received from Lambda Nu. Motion to accept by Kathy Wufsus, seconded by Michael Cheslock.

**Treasurer Report** – Deposits of \$336 received, no expenditures, ending balance as of Dec 17, 2001 - \$2,935.18. A motion was made by Susan Zimmerman to accept the Treasurer and Secretary report. All in favor.

**Property & Artifacts** – Rose Flamini reported that no new donations were received, all items received have been documented. **Membership**- No report.

**Restoration/Revitalization** – No report.

**Public Relations**– The two speakers selected from the PA Humanities Council are not available. New selections will be made and presented to the membership.

**Visitors Center** – The Borough submitted an application for \$250,000 of T-21 funds. Lorrie Bennick will present the status of the project to the NEPA board on January 23. The “freeze” at DCED is still on and no monies have been released for the project.

**Old Business** - The Bylaw Committee met Tuesday Dec 11. Revisions will be ready for the January meeting.

**Good of the Membership** – Kathy Wufsus told the membership about a proposed 10 church self-guided tour. After discussion, the membership approved the Historical Society co-sponsoring (promoting) the tour on behalf of the Mahanoy Area Ministerial. The tour will be held Friday, December 28th from 3 PM to 6 PM. No charge. Lorrie agreed to contact the Pottsville Republican.

The Coalition of North and South Historical Societies will be held on Wednesday, Dec 19. The next meeting will be held March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Pine Grove Historical Homestead, 205 N Tulpehocken St.

February is National History Month. There will be a table in the Fairlane Village Mall with memorabilia on display and items for sale. Volunteers are needed to be at the table.

It was suggested that the March membership meeting feature the program, clothing display, “on the road” antique show, etc. The Membership Chairman will develop a committee.

Ashland Historical Society is having a self guided historical tour of 2 churches and 4-6 homes. Tamaqua’s tour was excellent.

**Nomination of Officers** – No nominations were made from the floor. Nominations were closed. Elected officers are (with vote totals): President – Larry Levy (11); Vice President – Teresa McCord (12); Treasurer – Michael Cheslock (12); Secretary – Lorrie Bennick (12); Historian – Frank Selgrath (12).

On a motion by Rose Flamini, seconded by Frank Selgrath, it was suggested that a letter be sent to Borough Council requesting use of the Boro building for monthly meetings.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Charlotte Maurey, seconded by Mike Cheslock.

Submitted by,

Lorrie Bennick, Secretary