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The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held Monday, February 27, 2006 in the meeting rooms of the Mahanoy Area Downtown Center. Attending were: Francis Senglar, Joan Goodman, Ray Eichman, Patricia Brown, Rose Flamini, Joseph Flamini, Elizabeth Coombe, Kathy Wufsus, and Peg Grigalonis.

Vice President Francis Senglar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a brief prayer by Ray Eichman. Senglar noted that during President Selgrath's trip home following a recent meeting, he suffered a heart attack and subsequently had triple by-pass surgery. He is on his way to recovery, but it will be slow.

MINUTES

Minutes of the February 27th meeting were accepted as printed on a motion by Wufsus, seconded by Swing Flamini..

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report given by Treasurer Betty Coombe was approved on a motion by Goodman seconded by Rose Flamini and will be filed for audit. Coombe also gave a report on the memorial fund..

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Pat Brown said a letter was received from Councilwoman Patricia Schnitzus thanking the society for participating in the recent "Dressing of the Greens" and having a Christmas tree displayed in the society's window.

A letter was also received from Sharon Chiao, chairwoman of the Mahanoy Township Supervisors, asking for some photographs of the adjacent "patches" to display on the walls of the Mahanoy Township Municipal Building. She was informed that all photographs are currently displayed and none are available.

Diane Rooney sent a copy of the brochure "Proteviai (Forefathers) which included a copy of an article she had written on Lithuanians in Schuylkill County that contained a Lithuanian genealogist's guide to Schuylkill County. Ms. Rooney said copies could be made of her article.

A copy of a letter sent to Greg Moski of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission from State Representative Neal P. Goodman, 123rd District, asking for assistance in getting grant funds for a marker for the late Victor Schertzinger, a former Mahanoy City resident who was a pioneer in the Hollywood film industry. Senglar said he would contact Francis Burke to determine if he wanted to participate in the Girardville St. Patrick Day Parade on Saturday, March 18, as he had done in the previous year.

Hospitality Committee

Brown said a sympathy card had been sent to Swing Flamini on the death of his brother, and a thank-you card had been received from Charlotte Maurey for the sympathy card received on the death of her husband.

Book Advisory Committee

Eichman said about 350 historical books remain and he expects some books will be sold over the Memorial Day weekend when the Mahanoy City High School has a multi-class reunion.

Artifacts

Rose Flamini said she had some items from the late Bunny Narrow to access.

Community Preservation

Goodman said a contract should be received soon for the plaques the society proposes to erect within the Mahanoy Area. She said three had already been erected and she and her committee would make a final decision on where the others should be erected. Several suggestions were made where the plaques could be placed. A meeting will be held Friday, March 1, at 1 p.m. to which everyone is invited.

Special Committees

Everything is ready for the audit which should be completed by next month.

Programs and Speakers

Leo Walters of Delano will speak on the Lehigh Valley Railroad at the April meeting. Wufsus asked if there could be more publicity for the meeting so a large crowd could be on hand. She said it would be embarrassing if not many showed up for the program. Publicity will be sent to the newspapers and flyers will be placed around town and Carini's Restaurant will be asked to give them out with their orders. The information will also be placed on Service Electric's roll-around.

Brown said shortly before the meeting, a call was received from Jean Dellock, who said she could not speak at tonight's meeting because of the unexpected snowfall, but she would be available in the future if the society wanted her.

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Website

Eichman asked that he be e-mailed stories or notices to put on the society's website at mahanoyhistory.org..

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Grigalonis said up until a month ago, the pictures done by the Mahanoy Area students had laid in a box somewhere and she thought they should be displayed. She asked that a vote be taken to lend the Mahanoy Township supervisors the six photographs Sharon Chiao asked requested. Senglar said he was of the opinion it would be too difficult to keep track of where the pictures were if six were given here and six there. Senglar said he thought all pictures should be displayed at the historical center and Goodman suggested getting the six that are on loan to the Mahanoy Area School District back to the center. Senglar said the original photographs were loaned to the school district as a way of thanking James Trusky, who spearheaded the project with the students. Grigalonis' motion to lend the six photographs to the school district died for lack of a second.

Wufsus suggested having a "show and tell" at meetings and said she would like to bring in some old money that her late husband found when he was remodeling their house. Those present agreed to the suggestion.

By a unanimous decision, it was agreed to give \$100 to the Mahanoy City Public Library for its newspaper project where the "Record American" newspapers from 1916 to 1969 will hopefully be digitalized to be kept on permanent record.

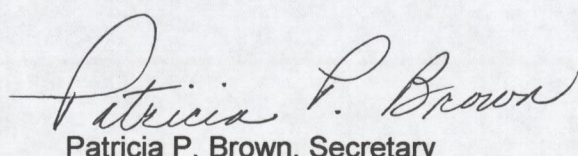
NEW BUSINESS

Senglar said he had been offered a Mahanoy Township drum majorette outfit that was in excellent condition. The students had been allowed to keep their outfits at the end of the 1959 school year when the Mahanoy City and Mahanoy Township schools merged. Senglar was told to accept it and that it should be displayed on a mannequin the society has in storage.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, March 27, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,


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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

At 3 p.m. Thursday, February 16, 2006, President Frank Selgrath called a meeting of the executive committee to discuss problems and pending issues. In attendance were Selgrath, Rose Flamini, Francis ~~Selgrath~~ *Senglar*, Patricia Brown, Elizabeth Coombe and Peg Grigalonis.

Selgrath said he wanted to retire from the office of president, but before doing so, he wanted to make sure the office would be satisfactorily filled and he was willing to work with his successor to ensure a smooth transition. He said he has made at least weekly trips to Mahanoy City from his home in Mechanicsburg since 1997 for historical activities as well as the Mahanoy Township Alumni, Mahanoy Township 150 Club and the Mahanoy Downtown Association.

Selgrath said in his opinion, there were not enough Mahanoy City volunteers willing to volunteer in the museum room. A discussion was held about getting paid help to staff the room. Selgrath said that discussion was held before and both he and Ray Eichman, who was the curator at the time, were very opposed to the idea.

He also said that tasks were started but not completed, accessions not complete, reports for meetings and copies not made until the last minute. He also said that he was having health concerns. Unfortunately, Selgrath suffered a heart attack on his way home from the meeting. The following day he underwent by-pass surgery to repair three heart blockages. He is now making a remarkable recovery for a man 86 years of age and is in rehab. A decision will soon be made whether he will continue with the rehab or have medical care provided in his home.

One of the items he is currently working on are revisions to the by-laws. He suggested adding more duties to each of the offices such as the vice presidency taking over the duties of the curator, adding an executive meeting on the third Thursday of the month, having the treasurer add a monthly budget report to their reports, having the financial secretary monitor grant requests and abolishing the duties of the curator.

Brown asked if volunteering to help Selgrath with some of the committee assignments would lighten his burden and he agreed it would. He said it would also give the chairmen more time to prepare for the events.

Volunteering to serve on the by-law committee were Selgrath, Brown, Senglar and Flamini. Other chairmanships volunteered were:

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| Fairlane Mall - February 2007 | - Brown |
| St. Patricks Parade - March | - Not participate |
| Memorial Day and MCHS Alumni Reunion - May | - Brown |
| Independence Day - July | - Coombe |
| Veterans Day - November | |
| Christmas Events | - Flamini & Wufsus |

Flamini said someone should also take charge of the July 1 "Boardwalk" events and the Labor Day "Homecoming" which is a celebration being staged in seven northern Schuylkill County communities culminating with the Ashland Boys Club parade.

In addition, members of the committee agreed to help with unfinished projects such as Coombe and Grigalonis contacting Lois Griffith and a second person to complete the 2005 audit; Joan Goodman to complete the write-ups for 10 to 12 more plaque to be erected in the community, Selgrath to keep a distribution record of the historical books, Grigalonis to follow through with the Library project of microfilming the old newspaper record and Flamini to represent the historical society at the meetings of the Downtown Association.

Selgrath asked Senglar if he were willing to take on the responsibility of the office of the president. Senglar said in one way he would, but he definitely knew he didn't have the time to give to the society that Selgrath did because he was employed and could not do much during the day. He said he would be willing to do anything he could in the evening hours.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Selgrath thanked the committee for their help and it was agreed to meet the following Thursday at 3 p.m. to continue the discussions. However, this did not occur because of Selgrath's hospitalization.

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Vice President Francis Senglar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Kathy Wufsus.

MINUTES

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report given by Treasurer Betty Coombe was approved on a motion by Swing Flamini, seconded by Charlotte Maurey and will be filed for audit. Coombe also gave a report on the memorial fund..

CORRESPONDENCE

Several items of correspondence were read by Secretary Patricia Brown.

Executive Committee

Senglar said during the advisory meeting, a phone call was received from Jean Dellock, who was scheduled to be the guest speaker but had to cancel because of the snow squall. Dellock said she would be available to speak at a future meeting. Brown will contact her to see if she will be available to speak at the April meeting because the scheduled speaker, Leo Walters had to decline because of health problems.

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Artifacts

Rose Flamini said she had some items from the late Bunny Narrow and Gino Capone that she had to access.

Community Preservation

Goodman said a letter had been received from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission indicating a marker had been approved to honor Victor Schertzinger. She said her committee had selected the dedication date as Friday, September 1, which is the start of the Labor Day Weekend.

Regarding the other markers to be installed, Goodman said several suggestions had been received and the committee is visiting several sites in Mahanoy City and the surrounding Mahanoy Area. Among the sites mentioned were the Mahanoy City Public Library, Elks, Kaier Brewery, St. Peter's Church in Locust Valley, and the Saule Building. She said certain criteria must be met to be approved as a historical building including that the building be 100 years old.

Special Committees

Lois Griffith reported that the audit was completed and everything was found to be in compliance.

Rose Flamini said she and Kathy Wufsus were working on something for the Christmas program and would announce the plans next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Although there was a discussion at the February meeting to give \$100 to the Mahanoy City Public Library, no motion to that effect was made. Kathy Wufsus motioned the money be given and the motion was seconded by Rose Flamini and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Plans for the Labor Day weekend were briefly discussed by Rose Flamini. She also discussed plans for Mahanoy City at the Boardwalk to be held during the July 4th weekend.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, April 24, 2006. Following the meeting, Wufsus displayed some large currency bills that were found in her home while her husband was renovating the property that had been in her family for five generations. She said various local banks issued their own currency.

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The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held Monday, April 24, 2006 in the meeting rooms of the Mahanoy Area Downtown Center. Attending were: Francis Senglar, Patricia Brown, Rose Flamini, Joseph Flamini, Elizabeth Coombe, Peg Grigalonis, William Brown, and Ray Eichman.

Vice President Francis Senglar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Ray Eichman.

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 27th meeting were accepted as printed on a motion by Swing Flamini, seconded by Grigalonis.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report given by Treasurer Betty Coombe was approved on a motion by Rose Flamini, seconded by Bill Brown and will be filed for audit. Coombe also gave a report on the memorial fund..

CORRESPONDENCE

An e-mail was received from Shirley Ryan of the Mahanoy City High School Alumni indicating that the group would be willing to sell copies of the historical book at their reunion on May 28th and asking what the cost would be and what the mailing costs would be for a book. Pat Brown will e-mail her thanking her for her gracious offer and telling her that the cost of the book is \$20, and there would be no extra charge for mailing a book if the supply runs out at the reunion. Ryan also volunteered to donate a Mahanoy City High School majorette outfit to the society. Senglar said the society had already accepted a similar offer from the former Mahanoy Township High School and would gratefully accept the MCHS offer, but cannot guarantee it will always be on display. Ryan will also be told the MCHS banner will be erected on the west wall of the museum room at no cost to the alumni.

A letter was received from Arcadia Publishing along with a royalty check for \$18.98, as was an invitation from the Veterans Parade Committee inviting the society to participate in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29th. Senglar will contact Francis Burke to see if he would be willing to drive his classic car in the parade to represent the society. An invitation to participate in the town-wide yard sale on May 13th was accepted. Kristen Craig, a fifth grader in River Grove Elementary School in Lake Oswego, Oregon, requested the society's help in her project "Night of the Notables" in which she selected Betsy Ross as her subject. Pat Brown sent her some information on Betsy Ross along with the telephone number and address of the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia for further information.

Advisory Committee

Senglar asked Grigalonis to explain a telephone call she received from Bob Fallon from the records management division at the Schuylkill County Courthouse. Grigalonis said Fallon asked if the society wanted old tax records now stored in the courthouse and said they would be delivered to the designated site. Eichman said he thought it would be interesting and something people would like to see. Grigalonis said they could be stored at the Mahanoy City Public Library, but the renovation project is not completed and they would have to be taken to a temporary site. A motion to accept the tax records was made by Rose Flamini and seconded by Betty Coombe. Swing Flamini will check with the MM&T Bank to see if the records can temporarily be stored there.

Senglar said he had received three boxes of books written by Mahanoy City native Steve Varonka, which the author said the society can do whatever they want with the books. It was decided to sell the books.

Eichman said he put some information on the society's website concerning former Mahanoy City musician and film-maker Victor Schertzinger, for whom a plaque will be erected at his birthplace on the Wachovia Bank lot on West Centre Street on September 1.

Grigalonis commended Senglar on the good job he is doing as acting president in the absence of President Frank Selgrath, who is recovering from heart surgery.

Membership

A report from Membership Chairman Marjorie Fletcher indicated that as of April 21, there were 425 members in the society; however, only 83 members had paid their 2006 dues. Eichman said a one-page newsletter will go out with the membership letter in the near future.

Book Committee

According to Eichman, there are more than 200 historical books remaining. He said it was past the date when the books could be returned to the publisher, and noted it was a good money-maker for the society.

Artifacts

Rose Flamini said as of April 24th, there have been 27 acquisitions recorded this year.

She said she had to access some items she received from the late Bunny Narrow, whose great-great-grandmother started a jewelry business in Mahanoy City. She said she spoke with Dolly Wagner who said she would be available to help in the museum room on Thursdays or Fridays.

Community Preservation

In the absence of chairman Joan Goodman, who broke her foot the previous day, Eichman said the committee conducted a tour of churches in the Mahanoy Area School District, which includes parts of Rush Township and Quakake. He said the cornerstone of St. Peter's Church in Locust Valley, also referred to as the White Church, has a cornerstone that dates back fo 1864.

Program Committee

Jean Dellock of Frackville had been contacted to speak at one of the society's meeting and she said the first date on her schedule would be the August meeting.

Special Committees

Rose Flamini said she and Kathy Wufsus were working on a Christmas program for the second Saturday in December entitled "A Taste of Italy." and would have more information available later.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business nor new business to discuss.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 on a motion by Eichman, seconded by Bill Brown. The next meeting will be held Monday, May 22, which is a week earlier than usual because Memorial Day falls on the last Monday of the month.

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Vice President Francis Senglar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Ray Eichman.

MINUTES

Minutes of the April meeting were accepted as printed on a motion by Swing Flamini, seconded by Charlotte Maurey

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report given by Treasurer Betty Coombe showed a balance of \$7,290.95 as of April 30. The report, approved on a motion by Rose Flamini, seconded by Ray Eichman, will be filed for audit. Coombe also gave a report on the memorial fund, which had a closing balance of \$1,439.92 as of April 30, 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Pat Brown said a letter and a CD containing information on Kaier's Brewery were received from John Lieberman of Perry, Georgia. A letter of thanks will be sent to Lieberman. An e-mail message was received asking for permission to use a picture from the society's historical book. The person contacted the publisher at Arcadia Publishing and he said permission must be given by the author of the book, who was listed as Ray Eichman. Eichman authorized using the pictures as requested.

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Brown said while going through the mail she read the Schuylkill River National and State Heritage Area 2005 annual report and noticed an article about pysanky, the highly detailed decorated Easter eggs, and noticed the eggs were painted by Mahanoy City resident Mary Osilka. Brown suggested that Mrs. Osilka be contacted and asked if she will speak on pysanky at a coming meeting of the historical society. Brown will contact her. It was also noted that a Mahanoy Township High School majorette outfit had been received from Peter and Janet (Hillibush) Chrusch of Boca Raton, Florida, and will be displayed in the museum room.

Advisory Committee

Senglar said during the advisory committee meeting Eichman mentioned the membership renewal forms would be sent out in the near future along with a newsletter that he was preparing. Eichman asked members to get news articles to him as soon as possible.

Book Committee

Eichman said Betty Coombe will deliver a case of historical books to Peg Grigalonis to be sold at the Mahanoy City High School reunion to be held over the Memorial Day weekend.

Artifacts

Rose Flamini said 27 acquisitions recorded this year. She displayed several articles she was going to access that were donated by Carol Narrow, including a picture of her great-great grandmother who started Liachowitz Jewelry Store in Mahanoy City in 1880. She also showed a membership book in the United Brotherhood dated April 4, 1888 that was donated by Gino Capone.

Community Preservation

Pat Brown said she visited Joan Goodman, who is recuperating from a broken foot, and signed the formal application being submitted for a historical marker depicting the birthplace of Victor Schertzinger that will be erected on the Wachovia parking lot on West Centre Street. Wachovia Bank finally submitted written permission for the marker to be placed on its property. The marker will be dedicated September 1. Regarding the other markers, Eichman said nothing new had taken place since the trip to see various churches and historical sites within the Mahanoy Area last month.

Program Committee

Jean Dellock of Frackville will speak at the society's August meeting and it is hoped Mary Osilka will speak at the October meeting. Chairman Kathy Wufsus was unable to attend the meeting because she was vacationing in Florida.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joe Flamini said he spoke with the manager of the M&T Bank, who recently assumed his new position, regarding storing tax records being given to the society by the Schuylkill Count Tax Office. The manager wanted to know how long the records would be stored there and wanted a letter of non-liability from the society. Flamini said the bank would allow the records to be stored in the old board room. The records will be deliver by the county.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat Brown said she would be having knee replacement surgery at the end of May and could not volunteer at the museum room for about a month or so. She said Tom Ward agreed to staff the room on Thursdays in her absence and the room will continue to be opened on Thursday and Friday afternoons.


Senglar questioned how much the society would charge for the Molly Maguire books donated to the society by former Mahanoy City resident Steve Varonka, who authored the book. It was agreed that a donation of \$9.95 would be requested for the book.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 on a motion by Rose Flamini seconded by Charlotte Maurey. The next meeting will be held Monday, June 26, Following the meeting, Betty Coombe read a humorous article about the kids from the 1930s through 1960s, who survived their childhood as compared to the lives of youngsters today.

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Vice President Francis Senglar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Ray Eichman.

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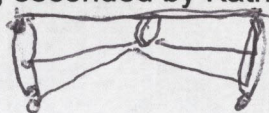
Minutes of the May meeting were accepted as printed on a motion by Kathy Wufsus, seconded by Charlotte Maurey

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report given by Treasurer Betty Coombe showed a balance of \$7,290.95 as of April 30. Receipts, donations and membership fees added another \$810 and expenditures amounted to \$95.83 leaving the ending balance as of May 31 at \$8,005.12. Coombe also gave a report on the memorial fund, which had a closing balance of \$1,013.29 as of May 31, 30, 2006. The society also has a \$1,013.29 certificate. The report, approved on a motion by Rose Flamini, seconded by Kathy Wufsus, will be filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.



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Membership Committee

Eichman said a letter had been sent out to society members seeking payment of 2006 dues. Included in the envelope was a newsletter. Eichman said response to the membership request was going well with 214 of the 444 members having paid their dues. He said previously if dues were not paid by June, the member was dropped from the rolls, but because of the letter being sent out so late it would not be done this year.

Book Committee

Eichman said the society has about 150 books on hand and that 25 books were sold at the Mahanoy City High School reunion held over the Memorial Day weekend. Coombe said books will be sold at the Mahanoy Township High School reunion to be held September 23. Kathy Wufsus said she would be willing to sell the books.

Artifacts

Rose Flamini said as of May 22, there were 170 acquisitions this year. She said many of the artifacts accessed were books donated by President Frank Selgrath.

Community Preservation

Not much is being done on the historical marker for Victor Schertzinger that will be erected on the Wachovia parking lot on West Centre Street and dedicated Friday, September 1. Eichman said he made a typo in the newsletter indicating the dedication would be September 2. Nothing else was done on the other plaques. The society has to outlay its money and then be reimbursed by the historical commission.

Program Committee

Pat Brown said she contacted Mary Osilka about speaking at the October meeting and her husband said he thought she was too shy to speak before a crowd. Kathy Wufsus said she will approach Leo Walters to see if he is well enough to speak at a coming meeting on the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Eichman said Marjorie Fletcher had been approached about selling books at the Service Electric parking lot, but said she would have application blanks there but they would have to be submitted at the museum room where she will have the books. Membership application blanks will also be available.

Kathy Wufsus introduced Bob Fallon, who became a member of the society that evening. Bob said he retired the previous Friday from the Schuylkill County Courthouse and that the real estate records at the courthouse had been delivered to the Mahanoy City Library.

NEW BUSINESS

Because Attorney Robert Bohorad has sent in \$100 for his membership as he had done two years ago, it was agreed that he be made a lifetime member. The only other lifetime member in the society is Frank Selgrath. The motion to make Bohorad a lifetime member ~~was~~ made by Swing Flamini and seconded by Ramon Soto. APPROVED UNAN.

Rose Flamini said she and Kathy Wufsus had been working on the Christmas program which would be a "Taste of Italy." She said because of the steepness of the steps leading to Sacred Heart Church she was concerned they may ice over and be dangerous if the program was held in December so she was thinking about having it on a Saturday afternoon in October.

Flamini briefly discussed Mahanoy City at the Boardwalk on July 1, and said there would be a concert by the UNICO Band and two DJ would provide music in the Wachovia Bank parking lot.

The status of the Molly Maguire statue was questioned by Wufsus, who asked if it would be dedicated before the Irish film crew came to Mahanoy City next month.

Joe Flamini said he would try to have information about the society's membership drive put on Service Electric's "roll around."

Eichman said a program was held in borough hall by members of the Genealogical Society of Utah, who want to get copies of all church records in Mahanoy City and the surrounding towns and were looking for volunteers to help with the project. They will be staying in the county for 18 months until the job is completed. Eichman said he was embarrassed that only three people attended the meeting. He asked if they would give a completed copy of the records they obtain, but was told they would only give a copy to the Schuylkill County Historical Society. Eichman said he was afraid they would run into opposition in Mahanoy City as the three Catholic pastors were opposed to it and many of the records of the Protestant churches were in Philadelphia. Eichman said in the 1950s members of the Mormon Church went through Europe and copied records. The church has excellent genealogical records in its 30 million rolls of microfilm.

Wufsus noted Community Day would be held July 8, and questioned whether the museum room would be open. Rose Flamini said three-quarters of the vendors who were at last year's celebration said they would be back.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:47. The next meeting will be held Monday, July 31, 2006.

Patricia P. Brown, Secretary

Bill O'Brien
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An emergency meeting of the advisory committee of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 6, 2006, at Kaier's Mansion to discuss water damage to the museum room. In attendance were: Frank Selgrath, Francis Senglar, Patricia Brown, Elizabeth Coombe, Ray Eichman, Peg Grigalonis and Joan Goodman.

Selgrath said there was a lot of water damage at the museum room and markings in the front of the building indicated water was a foot high at the height of the June 27th storm. He said newspapers, pictures and other items were too waterlogged to be saved and mildew was beginning to show on some items. Telephone and electrical service was interrupted for about a week and was just recently restored.

Pictures of the damage were taken by Joan Goodman and submitted with an application to FEMA for flood damage assistance. Selgrath said he believes the society's request will receive a low priority status as most of the grants would be given to home and business owners who lost everything. He said whatever work done was at the museum room would have to be paid for by the society with the exception of carpeting and subflooring and environmental cleaning. He said the oak cases in the room would have to be moved for the carpeting to be installed and it would be difficult as the storage areas over the Mahanoy City and Mahanoy Township high school cases would have to be dismantled.

Senglar said he was quite busy with his contracting work but would see if the cabinets could be dismantled on the weekend. Senglar will serve as the contact point for any work to be done in the room and will seek volunteers to remove items from the cases.

Because of the extensive damage it was agreed to close the museum room indefinitely. It was agreed that Marjorie Fletcher would send an e-mail to those on the membership

rolls and Pat Brown would submit articles to the local newspapers alerting them to the closing of the room. Items in the room will be moved to the window area and an attempt will be made to contact various places to determine if some of the room contents could be stored in a secure location.

According to Joan Goodman, the society is insured for \$60,000 on the contents of the room, but the water damage is not covered. The insurance held by ARDCO, the owner of the building, will cover the cost of flooring repairs and cleaning. Treasurer Betty Coombe said the society has \$9,000 in the bank. Goodman said the society must pay \$1,300 for the marker to be erected to honor the late Victor Schertzinger in September and will be reimbursed half the money by the state. Selgrath noted that much of the paperwork and pictures relating to Schertzinger was damaged. Three or four society checks will be signed in the event they are needed in an emergency.

Peg Grigalonis suggested purchasing a dehumidifier to help clear the moisture in the room. Ray Eichman will purchase one and bring it to the room later today. It was suggested by Pat Brown that anyone who has a key to the room stop by and empty the water container as the dehumidifier turns off when the container is full of water.

In other business, it was agreed that any current member paying their dues at this time would be paying for 2006. New members will receive a 2007 membership card.

Some of the history books that were in cases on the floor were water damaged but were deemed saleable while some of the donated Molly Maguire books written by Mahanoy City native Steve Varonka would have to be thrown away. Because of the limited number of books available, an attempt will be made to get all books back that are out at various locations. In the future, books will only be available at the museum room.

Selgrath asked if anything had been done to find a replacement for him in the office of president as he would be resigning in 60 days. Senglar said he asked everyone who attended the last society meeting if they would take the office and no one agreed to do it. He said he will fill in as president until someone else volunteers. Everyone at the meeting was polled to see if they could assume the presidency and everyone declined with the exception of Joan Goodman, who said she would consider it. Selgrath said he would still work with the society but could not handle the president's duties. He said he would always be available to help and would work with genealogical requests.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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A special meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held **Wednesday, July 25, 2006 at the Kaier Mansion**. President Frank Selgrath said the meeting was called to discuss the status of the museum room and plans for the historical marker to honor the late Victor Schertzinger. Attending were: Frank Selgrath, Francis Burke, Rose Flamini, Betty Coombe, Ray Eichman, Peg Grigalonis, Joan Goodman, Pat Brown and Marjorie Fletcher.

Selgrath said he just came back from the Service Electric Cable Co. warehouse where the cases from the museum are temporarily being stored. He said the bottom portion of the cases have mildew on them, and that the space is crowded because Service Electric moved things from their basement to the warehouse. Selgrath said there was going to be an ARDCO meeting on Thursday and the status of the room will be discussed at that time. He said he didn't know if it would be the society's responsibility or that of ARDCO to get the room back in order. A discussion was held on whether to offer money to replace the flooring and purchase new carpeting, but it was agreed to wait until after Thursday's meeting to make a decision.

Selgrath said of the destruction in the room were taken and the society should try to make a claim with FEMA as our private insurance does not cover any flood damage. The pictures show mold and mildew damage on the cabinets, Selgrath said. The new cases cost \$15,000 but there is no price on the cabinets received from the former Guinan Department Store. The museum room is opened around the perimeter of the building to allow air to get into the room and the elevator is not in running condition so the only access to the second and third floors are via the steps. Some of the items in the room were destroyed and an inventory will have to be done on the remaining items that were placed in storage containers and put on the steps in the front of the room. There is no electrical power nor telephone service in the room at this time. Selgrath said he was grateful for all the help in removing items from the museum room.

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Burke said he heard that the building owners want the historical society out of the building and others mentioned that was the rumor for some time. Eichman said they should not be so anxious to get the historical society out because it was the society who worked so hard to get the seed money for the building. The society originally requested grant money to restore the old Reading Railroad Station but by the time the money was granted, the railroad station was being torn down and the money was then allocated to the 1-7 West Center Building. Additional grants got the building into the condition it was before the flooding, but it was the historical society's initial movement that got things moving, he said. Burke asked for a copy of the lease agreement, which is good for 20 years and can be renewed upon the consent of the two parties, so he can explain the society's position to borough council.

Joan Goodman said she had received sample invitations and brochures from Karen Dalle from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for the unveiling of the Victor Schertzinger marker on September 1. The group went over a group of names of who should receive invitations and how the program should be worded. It was noted the society would have to pay \$1300 for the marker and later be reimbursed some of the money from the state. Two of Schertzinger's grandchildren from California will be present for the ceremony. Selgrath said he had the words to "Tangerine," one of the songs written by Schertzinger. There will be a program at the Elks as well as Smith's Mansion on the evening of the plaque dedication. The program will be the kick-off of a number of activities in several northern Schuylkill County communities. Plans are to have a social at the Senior Center on West Centre Street following the dedication.

Selgrath questioned the status of getting the old Record American newspapers to the library. Grigalonis said they had to wait until newspaper officials were ready for the transfer as they were busy in Saint Clair at the present time. She said all old real estate records are now at library. Also questioned was the status of the Molly Maguire Park.

Grigalonis asked if anyone had any old military uniforms they could borrow for the Mahanoy City float.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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President Frank Selgrath opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Ray Eichman.

MINUTES


Minutes of the May meeting were accepted as printed on a motion by Rose Flamini, seconded by Francis Burke.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report given by Treasurer Betty Coombe showed a balance of \$8,005.12 as of May 10. Receipts, donations and membership fees added another \$1,720 and expenditures amounted to \$340.38 leaving the ending balance as of June 30 at \$9,384.74. Coombe also gave a report on the memorial fund. which had a closing balance of \$1,013.29 as of May 31, 2006. The society's certificate of deposit will mature on August 31, and will be reinvested, according to a motion by Charlotte Maurey, seconded by Francis Burke. The report was accepted on a motion by Joan Goodman, seconded by Dolly Wagner, will be filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE

Pat Brown said a letter had been received from Arcadia Publishing offering an additional number of books if an order is placed. Eichman was authorized to order 40 more books on a motion by Swing Flamini, seconded by Burke.



Brown then read a letter of resignation from President Frank Selgrath to become effective September 25th. Selgrath said because of health concerns he was no longer able to make the trips he had been making from Mechanicsburg to attend meetings and look after other society business. He said he was grateful for all the past help he received and will work to ensure an orderly transition. He said with membership now over 400 and about 120 of those living within the Mahanoy City postal limits, more local members should become involved. A motion was made by Peg Grigalonis to accept the resignation with regret, and seconded by Francis Burke.

Vice President Francis Senglar said he would carry on the duties of the president for as long as necessary but he was concerned that he couldn't devote sufficient time to his duties because of his work schedule and other personal concerns. A motion was made by Eichman and seconded by Dolly Wagner to have Senglar continue as interim president for a few months after Selgrath's resignation until the nominating committee comes up with a replacement for president. The motion was passed unanimously.

Tom Ward commended Senglar on the job he did of clearing out the museum room after the flood. He said Senglar rounded up 16 or 17 men and within no time, the cases were moved to the storage area of Service Electric Cable Company on West Maple Street. Selgrath also commended Senglar and said the job was done "very well." He said he visited the storage area and it was quite crowded with historical society items as well as those from Service Electric. He said the bottom of the display cases had mildew on them and would have to be cleaned.

A discussion was held on whether the group would receive FEMA funds for restoration work at the museum and the consensus was if any funds were ever received, it probably would be a small amount. Joan Goodman said a letter was received from the society's insurance company stating damages were not covered under the policy as it was considered flood damage.

Membership Committee

According to Membership Committee Chairman Marjorie Fletcher, there are currently 247 paid-up members out of the 449 people who were sent membership renewal letters.

Artifacts

Rose Flamini said as of May 22, there were 170 acquisitions for the current year. Selgrath said all items would have to be accessed again after the museum room is restored.

Community Preservation

Joan Goodman displayed invitations and programs based on the sample ones provided her by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. She also had a draft letter that would be sent to legislators and other citizens inviting them to the September 1st dedication and unveiling of the Victor Schertzinger memorial plaque to be erected at 115 West Centre Street. She asked if anyone had any names that should receive invitations to get them to her as soon as possible. Eichman will print 100 programs on a heavier card stock rather than paper. Senglar said if Goodman gets him the dimensions for the pole, he will have it installed and will place the marker on the pole after it arrives.

A social will follow the dedication in the Senior Center, Goodman said. Serving on the refreshment committee will be Dolly Wagner, Kathy Wufsus and Rose Flamini. Swing Flamini volunteered to pay for the cookies or baked products used at the reception. Because the museum room probably will not be opened, Selgrath suggested putting out some tables to display the many albums of newspaper clippings and souvenirs the historical society has on Schertzinger.

Peg Grigalonis noted there would be a jazz concert entitled "Hard Coal and Soft Jazz" at Smith's Mansion on the evening of the dedication and the vocalist would sing "Tangerine," one of the songs Schertzinger composed. She also said the Elks will have a film showing and program September 1. Selgrath said he was hoping to get recordings of Jimmy Dorsey's orchestra with Helen O'Connell singing "Tangerine" and have it played prior to the plaque dedication. He also said he was trying to get sheet music of "Tangerine." Wufsus said the society could borrow her sound amplifying equipment for the occasion, and Tom Ward will get electricity at the site. Grigalonis said the Schuylkill County Council of the Arts would like to induct Schertzinger either at the program at Smith's Mansion or later in the year.

Program Committee

Because of the uncertainty of when the museum room will reopen, it was agreed to cancel any future programs indefinitely.

Special Committees

The Christmas program to be held Saturday, December 16, and entitled "A Taste of Italy" was discussed by Rose Flamini. She said a church program would be held in Sacred Heart Church and a catered dinner will be served afterward in the church hall.

By-Law Committee

Because of the flooding problems, nothing has been done on the revision of the group's by-laws.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Selgrath said in anticipation of his resignation, he would begin e-mailing all correspondence he receives to Senglar and would provide him with all the books and records he has in his possession.

Selgrath said at a special meeting held to discuss the museum room, he suggested writing a letter to ARDCO to see if the society could help pay for carpeting the room to help speed up the process. He said he spoke to the building manager earlier in the day and she told him ARDCO was accepting bids for installation of carpeting in the building. He suggested the society send a letter to ARDCO indicating it would be willing to pay toward the installation of carpet for the museum room within the society's financial limitations. Those present agreed to the suggestion and Brown was authorized to send the letter.

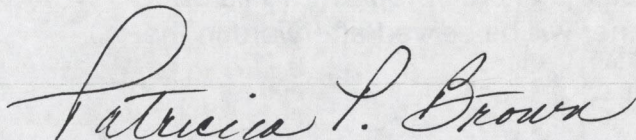
NEW BUSINESS

Selgrath commented on an e-mail he had received from Shirley Ryan with a picture of the Community Christmas Tree at the intersection of Centre and Catawissa Streets that had been taken in the early 1970s, that she suggested could be made into a postcard and used as a fund-raising idea. Eichman said he would print out some postcard ideas for the next meeting.

A nominating committee consisting of Rose Flamini, Kathy Wufsus and Dolly Wagner was named by Selgrath and approved by the membership with the exception of Selgrath, who voted "no" saying the by-laws were plainly written on how the presidency should be filled and he thought the by-laws were being circumvented by having a nominating committee recommend a president.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 on a motion by Goodman, seconded by Swing Flamini. The next meeting will be held Monday, August 28, 2006.



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President Frank Selgrath opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Ray Eichman.

MINUTES

Minutes of the May meeting were accepted as printed on a motion by Rose Flamini, seconded by Swing Flamini.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to the absence of Treasurer Elizabeth Coombe, there was no treasurer's report.

Executive Committee

Selgrath said it was discussed at the executive committee meeting that the society was not eligible for financial assistance for flood damage. However, it was suggested that the society apply for a Small Business Association loan. Eichman will fill out the required paper work.

Selgrath said Bob Bankes would go to Service Electric the following day to see what items he can bring back to the museum room. All cases must be cleaned before they are returned. Selgrath said a final bill for carpeting the museum room had not been received, but the cost of the work was \$4,400. He also said that all pictures would have to be removed from the museum room walls and cleaned before being rehung.

CLASSROOM & HALLWAY

Membership Committee

According to a report from Membership Committee Chairman Marjorie Fletcher, there are 253 paid-up members in the society at this time.

Eichman said Fletcher had sent out an e-mail to members telling them of the flood damage and stating that the museum room would be closed until further notice and close to \$1,000 had been received in donations thus far to help with the restoration work.

Community Preservation

Joan Goodman said everything was in order for the dedication of the marker honoring former Mahanoy City resident and Hollywood film maker Victor Schertzinger. A plaque provided by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission will be unveiled at 1 p.m. Friday, September 1, at 115 West Centre Street, the site of Schertzinger's home. Goodman said the plaque had been received and Francis Senglar will transport it to the site and do the preparatory work for the large sign.

It was noted that one of Schertzinger's granddaughters would be coming from California for the ceremony and a grandson from Washington state.

Goodman said the society was billed \$1,691.65 for the plaque and will be reimbursed half that amount from the state museum commission. She said she will process the paperwork and was told to expect reimbursement within 30 days. She said the request must be sent in on society letterhead to get the grant. A motion was made by George Krall, seconded by Goodman and unanimously approved on a voice vote to pay the \$1,691.65 invoice.

The society will get another \$5,000 grant to be used for smaller plaques to be placed on historical sites. The society has already erected three of these markers and can deduct the amount spent so far.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Selgrath said Francis Senglar agreed to finish out Selgrath's term as president and the nominating committee should find someone to take the office of vice president and present their name at the next meeting.

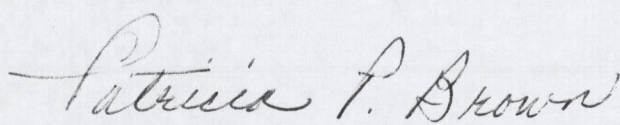
Selgrath asked that articles for the coming newsletter be sent to Eichman.

NEW BUSINESS

Eichman was authorized to purchase fifty 2007 calendars. For each 50 calendars ordered, the society would get a free pen.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 on a motion by Goodman, seconded by Peg Grigalonis. The next meeting will be held Monday, September 25, 2006.



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President Frank Selgrath opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Ray Eichman.

MINUTES

Minutes of the August meeting were accepted as printed on a motion by Rose Flamini, seconded by Charlotte Maurey with the clarification by Joan Goodman that the \$5,000 grant has been received for plaques to be placed at historical sites and that three plaques had already been installed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report given by Treasurer Betty Coombe for July and August showed a balance of \$10,181.49 as of August 31, 2006. Ms. Coombe said the Memorial Fund Savings Account has a balance of \$1,440.83, the checking account has a balance of \$20, and the certificate of Deposit that was renewed August 31, with a 3.92 per cent interest rate, has a balance of \$1,039.97. The report was accepted on a motion by Rose Flamini, seconded by Francis Burke, will be filed for audit.

\$ 5000 SEPARATE ACCT.
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CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was read by Secretary Pat Brown from Martha H. Herron indicating that PPL was making a \$500 contribution to the society. Also received was a letter from the Mahanoy Township High School Alumni with a \$200 check to be used for flood damages.

Brown said a letter was sent to the ARDCO Board of Directors indicating the historical society was anxious to return to the museum room as soon as possible and would be willing to offer financial assistance for carpeting to speed up the process. Letters were also sent to Swing Flamini thanking him for providing the reception after the dedication of the Victor Schertzinger marker on September 1, and to Francis Whalen who sang "Tangerine" and "I Remember You" two of the songs written by Schertzinger.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Selgrath said most of the discussion at the executive committee meeting involved finances. He said a letter was received from FEMA indicating there were no funds available for damage to the museum room, but that the society could apply for a loan from the Small Business Administration. Selgrath said he didn't think the society wanted to get involved with a loan and a letter would be sent to SBA indicating the society was a non-profit organization that relies on donations and has no other steady source of income. A motion to send the letter was made by Frank Senglar, seconded by Swing Flamini and unanimously approved.

George Krall, Mahanoy City's mayor, said as far as he knows, no FEMA money has been earmarked for Mahanoy City. It was noted by Joan Goodman that an application for \$5,000 was submitted to State Representative Neal Goodman's office to cover the cost of carpeting and lost items, but it may take about nine months to hear anything on the request.

Selgrath said that Membership Chairman Marjorie Fletcher sent out an e-mail to those members whose e-mail address she had informing them of the storm damage and about \$1,200 had been received, including \$250 from the Schertzinger descendants.

A letter was read by Lois Griffiths indicating that she and Attorney Robert Bohorad, trustees of the Mary D. Comerford Charitable Trust, had approved a check for \$300 for the society. Griffiths' statement was met with a round of applause by those in attendance.

Membership Committee

According to Membership Chairman Marjorie Fletcher, the society has 456 members of which 261 are paid for 2006, and several beyond that time.

Book Committee

Eichman said the historical books he ordered had not yet been received.

Community Preservation

Joan Goodman said the dedication of the historical marker for Victor Schertzinger on September 1st went well and thanked everyone who helped. She also thanked Swing Flamini for the reception he provided and Francis Whalen for his musical renditions of Schertzinger's songs. Goodman said the cost of the Schertzinger marker was \$1,691.65, which was paid for by the society, and half of that amount was reimbursed by the state historical commission. Also that \$922 had been spent for three plaques from another \$5,000 grant, and her committee was looking forward to installing several more historical plaques this year.

Special Committees

Rose Flamini said all plans are completed for the Christmas program and details will be announced in the coming newsletter.

Program Committee

Brown said she will check with Mary Osilka to see if she will present a program on pysanky for the November 27th meeting.

Audit Committee

Lois Griffiths agreed to audit the society's 2006 books after the beginning of next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Selgrath said a total of 29 historical books were sold at the Mahanoy Township High School Reunion on September 23rd by Kathy Wufsus.

Because of all the paper work coming in from FEMA and the SBA, Eichman suggested that Selgrath continue on as president until the end of December and then have Francis Senglar take over the presidency and Selgrath the vice presidency. After a discussion on the matter, Selgrath resubmitted his letter of resignation with the effective date of December 18th instead of September 25th. Senglar said he would prefer to take over the office when things have quieted down and that he would be taking a three-week vacation in October. The motion to accept Selgrath's resignation effective December 18th was made by Ray Eichman, seconded by Rose Flamini and unanimously approved.

Selgrath said the 2007 budget would be coming up and asked that all articles for the coming newsletter be sent to Eichman as soon as possible. He said he would like to see the letter in the mail by the middle of the month.

Selgrath said he would like to talk with Francis Burke regarding the curator job. Burke said he recently started a new job and after he settles in will get more involved.

Tom Ward said there are seven cases belonging to the historical society in the storage area of Service Electric Cable TV Inc. and he was concerned about them being damaged by the cold because the warehouse is not heated. Selgrath said the bottom of the cases had to be cleaned of mildew before they are returned to the museum room. Burke said he would clean the cases on Sunday. Senglar said five cases are cleaned and ready to be moved.

Selgrath said it cost \$4,400 to get the museum room into shape and the expenditure will be reflected on next month's financial report.

NEW BUSINESS

Ward said the flags that line Centre Street were destroyed by the high winds associated with the June storm and had to be replaced. He said 50 new flags are needed at a cost of \$30 each. Donations for the flags can be made to (Ward.)

MAN/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on a motion by Swing Flamini, seconded by Joan Goodman. The next meeting will be held Monday, October 30, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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President Frank Selgrath opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Kathy Wufsus.

MINUTES

Minutes of the September meeting were accepted as printed on a motion by Kathy Wufsus, seconded by Dolly Wagner.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report given by Treasurer Betty Coombe showed an ending balance of \$11,102.23 as of September 30, 2006. Ms. Coombe said the Memorial Fund Savings Account has a balance of \$1,441.13, the checking account has a balance of \$20, and the certificate of Deposit has a balance of \$1,039.67. Selgrath said the September financial report listed a check for Francis Senglar, but he had not received it. A second check will be issued, but there will be no stop payment placed on the original check because of the cost involved. The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Wufsus, seconded by Wagner.

LEAVING 270 MEMBERS

BOOKS - 40 NEW

22 OLD - 1 FOR MARY OSILKA ↓
(ON BACK)

Selgrath said the society had received a \$5000 grant for historical plaques to be placed within the Mahanoy Area and \$922 had already been spent for these plaques from the society's general fund. A motion was made by Grigalonis, seconded by Swing Flamini, and unanimously passed to reimburse the general fund the \$922 it had spent for the plaques.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Pat Brown said thank-you letters were sent to Lois Griffith for the \$300 donation from the Mary E. Comerford Estate, to the Mahanoy Township High School Alumni for its \$200 donation, and to the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company for its \$500 donation. A letter was also sent to Richard Aquii Small Business Administration informing the agency that the society was not interested in obtaining a loan from them to pay for flood damages.

A letter was received from Attorney Robert Bohorad thanking the society for making him a life-time member. Also received was an invitation to the annual autumn reception of the Schuylkill River Greenway Association.

Brown suggested that thank-you letters be sent to those who gave a sizeable donations to the society to help with the flood damages. A discussion was held on what would be deemed "sizeable" and it was noted postage costs would be involved. It was suggested that an article be placed in the next newsletter thanking donors for their kindness.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Selgrath said during the executive committee meeting it was suggested that all items in the museum room be re-inventoried before being placed back in the cases or on the shelves. He also said he spoke with John Kubert, who is trying to have the Estelle Barnhart musical tapes put on a CD, and Kubert said he only received five tapes instead of the six tapes presented to the society. Francis Burke said he gave the tapes to Francis Hillibush, Ringtown, a year ago and will check with him to see if he had the missing tape.

Selgrath said he found out that the 2006 budget was not approved, and said the 2007 budget would have to be drawn up soon. (A review of the 2005 minutes indicated that the 2006 budget presented by Peg Grigalonis at the December 16th meeting was approved as presented.)

A discussion was held on bringing the remaining cases back from the Service Electric warehouse. Ward said the company would allow the society to use its lift truck for the move, and asked to be notified when the move was scheduled so he could get the truck. Senglar said he would like to see the cases come back between November 4 and 11. A target date for opening the museum room was set at Thursday, November 16. Ward said he would like to volunteer in the room on Fridays. Brown said she will continue to volunteer on Thursdays. Selgrath said he would like to have two people in the room on

each day the room is open and that he would like to have a room manager to handle the scheduling. Grigalonis asked if anyone had contacted Robert Fallon to see if he would be interested in the position as he was a very organized person and just retired from the Schuylkill County Courthouse where he organized the county tax records. Brown said Fallon was interested in the society and offered to donate a leather-bound copy of the thesis he did on Mahanoy City for his master's degree.

Selgrath thanked Ray Eichman and Marjorie Fletcher for getting the newsletter mailed to members. He said more copies of the historical book have been ordered and should arrive soon. No work has been done on updating the society's by-laws, he said.

A plaque memorializing the late Marguerite Haverkost, a local teacher and civic leader, was donated to the society. Efforts are being made to secure her photograph to be placed on the wall near the plaque.

Selgrath said Ray Eichman received a call from the Small Business Administration and a representative of that agency wants to see the museum room as FEMA is still interested in the society. The representative will meet with Eichman on Thursday and asked for the \$4,400 invoice paid for the new carpeting and work on the museum room. Selgrath said he would like the room to be open for the Christmas holidays.

Program Committee

Pat Brown said Mary Osilka will present a program on pysanky at the November 27th meeting.

Special Committees

Rose Flamini said tickets are available for the Christmas program at a cost of \$15. She said letters had been sent to all the town churches asking that a small notice be placed in the church bulletins announcing the Christmas program to be held at Sacred Heart Church with a luncheon to follow in the church hall. The program is entitled "A Taste of Italy." She said the church does not have an organist but she contacted Mrs. Stanell, a well-known pianist, and she will provide musical accompaniment for the program that will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 16.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Rose Flamini, seconded by Swing Flamini. The next meeting will be held November 27, and the December meeting was changed to Monday, December 18, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fri. Dec. 29, 2006 @ 4:00 PM
AT KAIER'S MANSION FOR PRESENTATION
OF BRONZE PLAQUE.



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The monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area Historical Society was held Monday, November 27, 2006 in the meeting rooms of the Mahanoy Area Downtown Center. Attending were: George Krall, Bob Fallan, Bill Brown, Peg Grigalonis, Frank Selgrath, Ray Eichman, Pat Brown, Joan Goodman, Rose Flamini, Swing Flamini, Dolly Wagner, Kathy Wufsus, Alice Moore, Frank Senglar, Mary Osilka, David Osilka, Mary Ellen Marchalonis, Toni Houser, Linda Schock, Angelina Fritz, and Sandra Whalen.

President Frank Selgrath opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Kathy Wufsus.

MINUTES

Minutes of the October meeting were accepted as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was given by Financial Secretary Peg Grigalonis in the absence of Treasurer Betty Coombe, who was ill. The report showed an ending balance of \$11,102.23 as of September 30, 2006. Receipts from memberships, flood donations and fund raising amounted to \$128.24 and expenditures amounting to \$4,735.44 brought the ending balance as of October 31, 2006 to \$6,495.03. Balances in the society's other accounts remained the same as last month. The report was accepted on a motion by Kathy Wufsus, seconded by George Krall.

According to Selgrath, the society received 40 more books and has 21 remaining for a total of 61 books. Ray Eichman will take five more books to the Jones News Agency, who sold the five the had on hand.

Selgrath said there were some calendars in the museum room that were available to the public and the room would be open after the meeting.

He said the missing Barnhart tape had been located in Ringtown, and had been mailed to Jack Kubert, who would try to get the music copied on compact discs.

Selgrath said Eichman is in the process of updating the website, and that the by-laws should be reviewed. Also that any committee having any expenses or income for 2007 should see Peg Grigalonis so they can be included in the 2007 budget, that should be adopted at the December meeting.

Building Committee

Glass pieces from some of the cases are missing, Selgrath said. Senglar said there were four glass doors remaining at Service Electric where the cases were stored and he would bring them to the room. Selgrath said Ward did all the rewiring of the cases and they were ready to be lighted.

Community Preservation

Joan Goodman said her committee had intended to place plaques on the Mahanoy City Library, Kaier's Mansion, and St. Fidelis Church, but she received a letter from the Rev. William Glosser, pastor of St. Fidelis Church, who asked that the plaque be deferred to a later date because of the proposed closing of some churches in Mahanoy City. The third plaque will be placed on Elks Lodge 695 instead. Goodman indicated more plaques would be erected in 2007. Goodman also said the society had received preliminary recommendation for a \$5,000 grant from the state as requested by Representative Neal Goodman.

Special Committees

Rose Flamini said everything was going well for the Christmas program and she was sure everyone would enjoy it. The program will start at 11 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church and be followed by a luncheon in the church hall with entertainment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Under unfinished business Goodman said even though an invoice had not been received for the insurance premium, to pay the bill without the invoice.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Pat Brown said correspondence was received from the Mahanoy City Fire Police, who were soliciting a donation. It was noted there was no money in the budget for any donations. A letter was also received from the Pennsylvania German Heritage Association inviting the group to a Christmas celebration on December.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Selgrath said during the executive committee meeting, he discussed a number of items that he would reiterate for the group, but did not want to stay for an extended meeting because he was anxious to get on the road home to Mechanicsburg before it got too late.

He informed the group that Robert Fallan, a Frackville resident and former Mahanoy City native, had accepted the position of room manager. Inasmuch as there is no description in the by-laws for the position, Selgrath read a proposal of the duties of the room manager and said if they are accepted, they should be added to the by-laws. The announcement was accepted with a round of applause from the membership. Duties of the room manager will be to manage and oversee the work of the combined building, artifacts and historical committees; oversee computer operations and training of volunteer help; manage the operation and security of the museum room and storage areas; establish days and hours the room will be open and manage requests for any special visit by members when the room is not open to the public. The manager shall also record and report all cash donations received from museum visitors and keep a maximum of \$50 in the strong box and submit additional money to the treasurer as well as maintain receipts and record book for items purchased from petty cash funds.

Selgrath said work is getting the room back into the condition it was before the flood. He said Pat Brown will volunteer on Thursdays and Tom Ward on Fridays but that he would like to see two people in the room each day, if possible. Rose Flamini said once a date is set for the reopening, the promotion committee of the Downtown Association can plan a ceremony.

A number of people were in the room on Friday, November 17, and Selgrath extended his personal thanks to each of them for the work they did. He said if anyone purchased any supplies they should submit a receipt and they would be reimbursed.

Regarding the flood damages, Selgrath said approximately \$2,600 had been received in donations. Also that Eichman met with representatives of FEMA, who indicated they will reopen the society's claim if the Small Business Administration turns the society down.

A check with Membership Chairman Marjorie Fletcher indicated there were 454 members on the membership list, but some of them will be dropped as of the first of January, Selgrath said. He said 184 of them haven't paid their dues for 2005 or 2006 and should have been dropped in July but were given some leeway because of the confusion resulting from the flooding.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Wufsus commented on the society's Christmas tree and thanked those who decorated it.

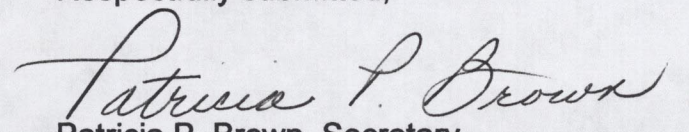
ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Rose Flamini, seconded by Swing Flamini. The next meeting will be held December 18, which is a week earlier than usual because the normal meeting date was on Christmas Eve.

PROGRAM

Following the business session, a Psyanky demonstration was given by Mary Osilka of Mahanoy City, and her son, David of Ringtown. They showed and explained the age-old Ukrainian custom of intricately coloring eggs, demonstrating each step. They also displayed many beautifully colored eggs.

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President Frank Selgrath opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Ray Eichman.

MINUTES

Minutes of the November meeting were accepted as printed on a motion by Kathy Wufsus, seconded by Swing Flamini.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report given by Treasurer Betty Coombe showed an ending balance of \$6,495.03 as of October 31, 2006. Receipts from memberships, donations and the transfer of \$1,544 in grant funds brought the balance to \$8,989.03. Expenditures totaled \$1,542.15, bringing the ending balance as of November 30th to \$7,466.88. It was noted the \$1,544 transfer to the checking account was reimbursement for the purchase of historical plaques. The report was accepted on a motion by Kathy Wufsus, seconded by Ray Eichman.

Selgrath distributed a copy of the proposed 2007 budget, which was introduced at a prior meeting, and asked if anyone had any funds they wanted included in the budget to get the information to Treasurer Coombe. Selgrath suggested that the final 2007 budget be adopted at the January 29, 2007 meeting. The proposed budget was accepted on a motion by Joan Goodman, seconded by Kathy Wufsus.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Pat Brown said notes were sent to Mary and David Osilka thanking them for the program they presented on psyanky at the November meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Selgrath said during the executive committee meeting it was noted that Bob Fallan, the new room manager, had been reorganizing the museum room and is being assisted by Pat Brown. He said items are being placed in labeled storage boxes and listed on the computer so they are readily accessible for volunteers. Selgrath suggested school students be asked to categorize the accessed items on the computer. Fallon thought it was a good idea and said Pottsville Area students are doing the same thing.

Selgrath suggested that members come into the room to familiarize themselves with how donated items are accessed by the society. He said two members of the Mahanoy Township High School Alumni came into the room and put the township items back into their two cases.

It was suggested by Selgrath that another bookcase be purchased to be placed behind the desk. He said there were too many heavy books on the shelves and he was concerned that they couldn't withstand the weight.

Membership Committee

According to Membership Committee Chairman Marjorie Fletcher, \$3,000 has been donated to the society to help with flood damages. Selgrath said nothing further has been heard from FEMA regarding the water damage. He said at the present time there are 456 members in the society and he suggested that members who have not paid their 2005 dues be dropped from the rolls. A discussion was held on whether telephone calls could be made to those delinquent members. Selgrath said a majority of them live outside the area, but it would be a good idea if someone wants to call local people. Joan Goodman asked if there could be a list of delinquent members available for the next meeting. She said she would have no problem calling people she knew and asking if they forgot to pay their dues. Alice Moore said she, too, would be willing to make some calls.

Book Committee

Selgrath said 49 historical books are now on hand and someone will have to keep count of the books in the future.

Community Preservation

Joan Goodman said a plaque will be installed at the Mahanoy City Public Library and the Kaier Mansion between Christmas and New Years. She invited everyone to the plaque erection at Kaier's Mansion at 4 p.m. on Friday, December 29, and said she will find out exactly when the presentation will take place at the library.

Public Relations

Pat Brown said the historical society has received some good publicity recently from both the Pottsville Republican/Herald and the Shenandoah Standard.

Special Committees

Selgrath said the Christmas program presented at Sacred Heart Church was "exceptionally well run" and thanked everyone who took part in it. In the absence of Chairman Rose Flamini, her husband, Joseph, gave a financial report on the program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

During the unfinished business portion of the meeting, Frank A. Selgrath, who has been president for the past three years, handed the gavel of office over to Vice President Francis Senglar. Selgrath, who resigned because of health reasons, said he cannot stay on as vice president as he originally planned and someone else will have to be named to that post. However, he did say there were some things he could do from his home and would be willing to do them and that he will try to make visits to the museum room.

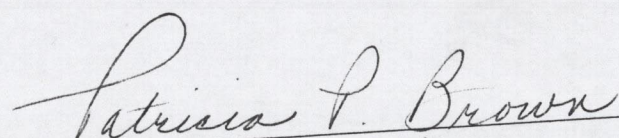
In accepting the gavel, Senglar said the historical society was truly indebted to Selgrath for his many contributions to the group, not only while he was president but prior to his taking that office. Senglar said he will "try to fill Selgrath's shoes" to the best of his ability.

NEW BUSINESS

Following the January meeting, members will tour the museum room to see what work has been done and Fallan will explain some of his plans and projects for the future. It was noted that the gun belonging to Chief Burgess Eichman was missing from the museum room and an effort will be made to find it.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held January 29,


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