

WESTERN ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 8, 2018

The meeting was brought to order at 1:00 p.m. and was held at the Oakdale History Gallery located in the Oakdale Community Center. In attendance were Cathy Scott, Cheryl Rinehart, Keith and Mary Kay Kropf, and Doris Pichi.

Everyone was given a copy of the minutes from the August 30th meeting to review.

2019 Programs:

- Rand Gee, Co-Author of “Forgotten Mines and Coal Towns of Thoms Run” has been scheduled for May 11th at 10 a.m. He has indicated that he will not charge for expenses even though he is traveling from Michigan. However, it was noted that this is Mother’s Day weekend so Cathy will contact him to see if he can come on May 4th or another date when he is available. It was also discussed to hold the program in the Oakdale History Gallery depending on its availability.
- We’ve talked about a field trip to the Espy Post in Carnegie. Doris indicated that re-enactments are held at the facility and will check to see if/when one is scheduled. Cheryl mentioned that she came across an “Abandoned Pittsburgh” gallery that is also located in Carnegie.
- Cheryl will check once again with the daughter of the former owner of White Swan Park to see if she and her cousins would be willing to put on a program.

Advertisement:

Since our latest programs have had poor attendance, ideas were discussed on how we can advertise them to attract more people. Perhaps we can get our own ads in The Allegheny West magazine once programs are decided upon.

Ideas:

Mary Kay mentioned a display of Before and After Photos. This might be a topic for a future feature display at the Library.

Doris mentioned that the book she had on Noblestown is no longer available to donate. Cathy asked her to see who the publisher is and we might be able to obtain it through them.

Membership:

Currently we have 137 followers on Facebook and 80+ that are sent notices through our g-mail account. Once the new membership form is available, it can be sent out through our g-mail account and we will also ask the Library to send it out through their contact list.

The meeting concluded at 2:15 p.m.