

**WESTERN ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**August 4, 2021**

The meeting was brought to order at 12:00 noon. In attendance were Cathy Scott, Cheryl Rinehart, Doris Pichi, Mary Kay Kropf, Pam Perry, Heather Auman and Amy McDonald.

Heather Auman indicated that the library partners with the Heinz History Center and submitted a "Technology Through the Generations" project through their Civic Embassy Project. The project was approved and will be on display in March thru May 2022.

FOYER DISPLAY CABINET: Gene Czambel and Debbie Pelkey will be here on August 28<sup>th</sup> to donate items possibly for our display cabinet. Further discussion on display cabinet is continued further into the meeting.

**DONATIONS OF ITEMS:**

Doris mentioned that she has sheet music from the 1940's. She offered them to the library, who indicated that they would sell them at their book sale fundraiser, however, she didn't want them to do that with the collection. Mary Kay mentioned that Tom Snyder, retired high school band director, may be interested in them for the West Hills Symphony. Cathy sent an email to Tom asking if he would be interested.

John McMichael sent The Oakdale Times from the early 1900's to Cathy. It will be uploaded to our Facebook page and possibly our link through the library for all to read.

MEETING MINUTES: The Minutes from the May 7, 2021 meeting were read.

HISTORY GROUP LEADERSHIP ROLE/MEMBERSHIP: Cathy asked Heather and Amy if they had anyone that would like to take over the leadership of our group. She is still planning on participating, however, does not wish to remain the leader. They were also asked if they had any ideas on meeting times (the present group can meet during the day but it may be more advantageous to hold meetings at night if more people can attend) and/or programs. We had previously talked about holding a membership meeting.

SOCIAL MEDIA- it was suggested that in order to possibly get more members, to post more on social media. Cheryl indicated that she has the flash drive that contains the panels on our history wall and will start posting them on our Facebook page now that she is retired and has more time.

**UPCOMING MOON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM:**

On Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, Elissa Powell will be giving a program on Genealogy in conjunction with the Moon Township Historical Society at the Moon Township Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m.

**OUTSIDE TRIPS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LIBRARY WERE PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED:**

- \* PA Trolley Museum has group tours at a reasonable cost for adults and children.  
Pam will check to see if September 25<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup> or October 12<sup>th</sup> would be options for a tour.

- Washington County Courthouse Tours that are arranged through the PA Trolley Museum includes a walking tour and a look into early Washington County history and architecture.
- Heinz History Docent Tour. It was decided to see if November 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> were available.
- Burg Bits and Bites
- Food History Tour
- Old Economy Village
- Heritage Food Festivals throughout Pittsburgh

OTHER ITEMS:

Cheryl has been organizing and cataloging items that were donated to Findlay Township for a proposed Museum in the 1990's. Included in the donations were numerous items donated by the Montour Railroad Historical Society. She met yesterday with Bryan Seip of the Montour Railroad Historical Society and gave many of the items back to them. There is a scale model of a coal tippie and coke ovens that the Society does not have room to keep. She thought that perhaps the Heinz History Center or Children's Museum might be interested in them but will first post pics of the models on various local historical websites to see if anyone is interested in them. Also in the collection were numerous articles related to events that happened in Oakdale and VHS tapes interviewing various Township residents, many who have since passed, that she would like to get transferred to DVD. The library has a converter that can be borrowed and Mary Kaye indicated they she has a VCR that will transfer to a DVD.

Pam was given a box of John F. Kennedy memorabilia that contained numerous magazines, a book on the life of JFK, etc.

With the articles on JFK and Oakdale, it was decided to possibly rename the cabinet in the foyer to "News Thru the Ages" and include those items along with others that we can come up with.

The meeting concluded at 1:20 p.m.