

WESTERN ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MARCH 14, 2019

The meeting was brought to order at 9:00 a.m. and was held at the Western Allegheny Community Library. In attendance were Cathy Scott, Cheryl Rinehart, Mary Kay Kropf, and Pam Perry.

Everyone was given a copy of the minutes from the November 8th meeting to review.

LIBRARY WEBSITE UPDATE:

Cheryl forwarded the minutes from our May, August and November 2018 meetings to post on their website. Also updated was the 2019 Membership application. The Power Point presentation that Cheryl had put together for the Township Fairs and Library Kickoff will be forwarded and added to the website.

2019 PROGRAMS:

- Rand Gee, Co-Author of “Forgotten Mines and Coal Towns of Thoms Run” has been scheduled for May 4th at 10 a.m. Cheryl will work on a flyer for distribution.
- We talked in the past about a field trip to the Espy Post in Carnegie in November. Cathy will contact them for a definite date.

POSSIBLE PROGRAMS:

The Veteran’s Breakfast Club contacted our group. Because of a \$200 charge for a program, we could consider attending a program with their membership. It was brought up about a possible Historical Society/Library Joint Veteran’s Breakfast, but Findlay Township conducts a Veteran’s Breakfast that we wouldn’t want to interfere with. Cheryl will check to see if the new Recreation Coordinator is planning on holding a Veteran’s Breakfast this year and when it might be. The VFW located in North Fayette can also be contacted to see if they hold any type of Veteran’s Day Programs.

The Moon Township Historical Society held a “Strolling Through Time” historic fashion show in 2018 in conjunction with the Beaver Valley History and Research and Landmarks Foundation. The idea of holding something similar as a fundraiser, perhaps at the historic Hankey House, was discussed.

Cathy will talk to Judy Stewart, who lived in the Hankey House, about doing a tour of the house.

The Moon Township Historical Group is sponsoring a speaker on April 1st on the Nike Site that was once located in Moon Township.

DIGITALIZATION OF OLD NEWSPAPERS as suggested by Amanda Kirby. The company is called OCI and they process and digitize old newspapers. They trim and prep each paper so it would not be left in its original condition. The rate is 25 cents per page and the Library would be able to cover the cost if our group was interested in the program. The library currently has several old Oakdale Times newspapers and is asking our group to gather old editions of newspapers. We can place an advertisement on the Library's website and on our Facebook page.

E-MAILS RECEIVED:

1. Mr. Rudowski sent an email requesting information on the Clinton area. Cheryl addressed his email.
2. Michael Pierce asked if we had any more information about a statement on North Fayette's website about Glen Gormley being a hostelry and stage coach stop by Andrew Pierce. Cathy searched the Post Gazette archives to see if she could locate any more information.
3. The grandson of a person involved in the Aetna Chemical explosion asked if he could submit the stories his father told him about the explosion. However, since the gentlemen is located in Allentown, PA, Pam offered to reach out to him.

The meeting concluded at 10:30 a.m.