

Western Allegheny Community Historical Society  
February 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

In attendance were Cathy Scott, Cheryl Rinehart, Keith and Mary Kay Kropf, and Amanda Kirby.

- Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Genealogy Workshop with Ancestry Online at WACL.
- Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Scanning & Archiving Day at WACL
- Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Indoor-Outdoor Tour at the Walker-Ewing Log House
- Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m. Author Thomas White at WACL

#### Possible Programs

- Espy Post Tour at the Carnegie Library in Carnegie possibly in October or November.
- The Heinz History Center Outreach Lecture Programs were reviewed. Cathy will follow-up on the following programs: First Ladies of Western PA, Peeking Under the Petticoats, and the WWII topics.
- White Swan Park. Cheryl has been in contact with the children of the owners, who have expressed an interest. She will post on the WSP Facebook page asking anyone to share memorabilia.
- Civilian Conservation Corps Camp Tour at Raccoon State Park. Cheryl will once again contact them to see if they still conduct programs for a possible 2019 program.
- Amanda indicated that there is a book on Industrialization in Pittsburgh at the East Liberty Library.
- Amanda had a newsletter from the Northland Library. In reading through the brochure, they sponsor a Genealogist Day which gave us an idea of holding a Genealogy Day on a Saturday and have a genealogist attend.

Amanda indicated that in order to have our programs noted in their newsletter, they will have to have all summer program dates by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Fundraisers

Jim Skoff from Oakdale was recently visiting the library and requested several prints from the history wall of Oakdale. They were printed by Cheryl and Mr. Skoff paid \$5 for each print, which gave us an idea of selling prints as a fundraiser. Cathy contacted Kelly Rohbeck at Oakdale to obtain their approval prior to making the prints. Kelly also offered information from their history room which Gary Lauderbaugh is now in charge of. Cathy is going to set up a time for our group to meet and see if there are any photos, etc. that we might be able to share. Cheryl indicated that she will work on an order form. Amanda indicated that there is a Craft/Vendor Show in April at the Library if we would want to set up a table to take orders. It was also suggested about putting together a donation box and have it at the April show and possibly place on the front desk.

The Library has held several fundraisers at area restaurants and the idea was discussed about having something similar for the historical group. Because we aren't a 501-c-3, it is going to be difficult to have one. Amanda indicated that if our group applied for a grant, the Library would have to administer it.

#### Lettering over existing panels and feature wall

The names of the municipalities on the history wall are starting to peel off and will need replaced soon. Pam Perry and Kathy Bartha used a cricket machine to make the letters. It was also discussed about putting "Historical Society" over the feature wall. Amanda indicated that the Library has a cricket machine and will check to see if anyone knows how to use it.

#### McFarland family/other area families for feature wall

Kelly Rohbeck knows the family that is now living in the McFarland house on Hastings Avenue in Oakdale. Margaret McFarland has roots through Fred Rogers. We are in possession of a family quilt and several news articles. Since a movie is going to be made on Fred Rogers life, this might be a good opportunity to use these articles on the feature wall.

#### Membership Update/Financial Status

As of 1/24/18, we currently have \$104 in our account at the library. The monies came from the sale of maps and memberships.

Cheryl came up with an idea for a Membership Card. The idea was also discussed about either mailing or emailing 2018 membership applications to those members we had in 2017 and to promote memberships, or sending an end-of-year letter to current members highlighting programs from the year and enclosing a membership form.

The meeting concluded at 2:30 p.m.