

Western Allegheny Community Historical Society
August 30, 2018

The meeting was brought to order at 1:00 p.m. In attendance were Cathy Scott, Cheryl Rinehart, Keith and Mary Kay Kropf, Amanda Kirby and Pam Perry.

The minutes of the May 10th meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Amanda suggested posting the minutes on the group's Facebook page, distributing through our Gmail email account and on the library's link.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- September 9th at 1 p.m. Perry Blatz from the Heinz History Center will talk about The Class Struggle Comes to Western PA focusing on the railroad riots of 1877, the Homestead strike of 1892 and their legacy.
- September 22nd at 10 a.m. Local Author, Thomas White will focus on Legends and Lore of Western PA based on his books on the region.
- October 7th at 1 p.m. Leslie Przybylek, Senior Curator of the Heinz History Center will talk about The Steel City in WWII focusing on Western Pennsylvania's industries contribution to the war effort in an impressive variety of ways on land, air and sea. Keith has a WWII uniform and tent that might be displayed during this program.

Cheryl put together a flyer on the programs that will be posted on various sites.

POSSIBLE PROGRAMS:

- The Greentree Public Library is sponsoring an event called "Marketing a Presidency" by Steve Mihaly in November. Cathy contact to see if he is available do a program in November.
- The Espy Post at The Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall was originally scheduled in November. Since a date was not arrived at for 2018, discussion took place on having a Field Trip in May and combine with lunch/coffee at a Carnegie restaurant.
- Gene Czambel wrote "Forgotten Mines and Coal Towns of Thomas Run". Cathy will contact to see if he is available in March.
- Cheryl is still going to again contact the daughters of the former owners of White Swan Park.
- Holding an evening/Saturday program at the Oakdale history room.
- Showing the documentary "Won't You Be My Neighbor" to tie in our feature panel with the Mr. Rogers movie that is now being filmed.
- It was discussed if we should have programs in January or February due to the uncertainty of the weather conditions and have those months for project meetings.
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PUBLICITY/ADVERTISING:

- Pam volunteered to be the Public Relations person for our group
- Distribution of flyers in the neighboring communities was discussed
- Discussion on holding a Joint Meeting with neighboring historical groups and add them to our email list to distribute information on our programs

- Contacting Karen Ruhl at the school along with North Fayette and Oakdale to help advertise our group and programs
- Amanda suggested a Doodle Poll to send to those we have email addresses for
- Printing panels from our History wall to sell at the Library's garage sale
- Putting some of our wall panels on our Facebook page or on the Library's link
- Contact the Allegheny West magazine to have an area in the magazine dedicated to the historical society

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DISPLAY AT THE LIBRARY

- Amanda was asked if there was an area in the Library where our historical groups information, etc. could be permanently displayed.

DONATION

Florence Mehalic, a former member of our group, recently moved and donated several books about our area that will be marked as donated by her and placed in the Library.

The meeting concluded at 2:30 p.m.