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Meeting Minutes News

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Minutes of the Meeting Dec. 2015

Review of Knox Mine Disaster

One of our presenters at St. Faustina's Cultural Center, Bob Wolenski, is from Swoyersville but teaches at the University of Wisconsin. Dave and Al Brocca showed a video with clips of their upcoming documentary The Knox Mine Disaster. Dave and Al are from Pittston now live in Los Angeles, CA and are considering other community presentations.

Connecting with Our Community

We had a great turn out with over 100 people there. The Society was very pleased with the presentation. Most of our members do have computers so it would appear that we are reaching out to the community through our web site and Facebook page. Our Facebook page as of Dec. 2015 has 746 Likes and we are pleased to be connecting with our community. To come up to speed we are considering adding Pay Pal to our site for membership application/renewal or purchases of NHS materials or research fees.

Our Newest Additions

As it happens to be, the grandson of John S. Fine the former Governor of Pennsylvania was selling his grandfather's house and moving to Florida. Through his generosity the Society has acquired the Governor's Law Library. Some of the collection items include old photographs some of which were taken of the Governor with President Eisenhower and some other with various dignitaries. We are planning an open house where these items will be available for viewing.

Fund Raising

We are in the process of erecting a John S. Fine Memorial Marker and would like to have it placed somewhere near the high school. We are working the Greater Nanticoke High School Board and DR. Grevera to decide where exactly the marker will be placed. We will need to do a fund raiser and are considering getting a GoFundMe page. We hope to start the project sometime in April of 2016.

A New Acquisition

An old painting has been obtained by the Society by the late Olga Sorensen, an artist from Nanticoke, who was born in 1877. The painting is in need of repair. The subject in the painting is of a woman maybe dating back to the 1920's or 30's. It may have some value and we are uncertain at this time if we will maintain possession of it.

Research

Our research requests are increasing. Don't disregard your old mass cards. When seeking information on past relatives or friends they are a valuable source of information. Please donate them to us. They will be put on file. When cleaning out an old business if you have any Letterhead, that too has research value to us. Please donate any that you may have. If you need assistance in locating a grave, we may be able to help. Walk ins are appreciated. If you call for an appointment, you will have priority.

John our archivist reported that all year books up to 1986 have been scanned into our system and are available for viewing at our office. We have archived newspaper articles from 1891 to 1975 in our system and are available for viewing at our office as well. Come down and visit us. Your generosity will be appreciated.