

Minutes for HATT November 8, 2018

Membership Meeting

At 5:30 pm, Kris Avery, president of HATT, welcomed the 35 members and guests to HATT's November membership meeting. Kris then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kris followed with this announcement:

- The HATT sponsored "Home for the Holidays" Christmas concert is scheduled for Saturday, December 1 at 1 p.m. at the Pocono Lake United Methodist Church on Route 940. Tickets are required but free, and the announcement for their availability shows on the advertising poster here in the library.

Kris then introduced Dr. Brian Alnutt, Professor of History from Northampton College. Dr. Alnutt is speaking to HATT for his seventh year, with each preceding year providing outstanding presentations. This year's presentation is *Pennsylvanians in the 2nd Continental Congress*. Dr. Alnutt's personal focus is on North American history of the late 19th to mid-20th century.

Prof. Alnutt discussed the bold Pennsylvanians who served as delegates to the Second Continental Congress which declared American Independence, including George Clymer, Benjamin Rush, George Taylor, Benjamin Franklin and others; and presented some of their prominent Pennsylvania Loyalist adversaries such as William Allen of Philadelphia & Allentown. It was noted that George Clymer was the Great-Great Uncle of Lee Clymer, founder of the Clymer Library.

He also included details of the "Yankee-Pennamite" conflict which was occurring at that time between Pennsylvania & Connecticut settlers over who would control what is now Northeastern Pennsylvania. This included the Battle of Locust Ridge in Tobyhanna Township.

After answering several questions from the attendee, Kris Avery presented to Dr. Alnutt HATT's Certificate of Appreciation.

The meeting concluded at 6:50 PM.

Submitted by Rick Bodenschatz