

## Sharpsburg Historical Commission Meeting 12/01/21

Held via Zoom

In attendance: Joseph Bruno (treasurer), Jocelyn Codner (clerk), Lou Deluca, Mary Louise Green, Melanie Linn Gutowski (vice chair), Kayla Portis, David Rotenstein (chair), Leo Rudzki, Matthew V. Rudzki

- Church National Register nomination update
  - The letter went out to the Parish early October
  - Have yet to hear word from the Parish, will follow up via the St. Joseph office
  - David will update the commission if and when there is a response
- Collaboration with the Sharpsburg Public Library on an in-library exhibit
  - Pamela Bruno emailed Jocelyn and David after discussing this idea with Matt
  - Prior to the pandemic there would be an 'artist of the month' being displayed at the library, the historical commission could take one of those months in 2022
    - There would normally be a reception and the featured artist/organization would be on hand that month for question and programming
    - Perhaps prints/copies of images and photos can be offered for sale, people can order them and we can print them
  - We have plenty of stuff we can show
    - The commission has a collection (Heinz heavy), and both Matt and Leo Rudzki have personal collections that could be displayed
    - Not sure how they handle artifacts / 3D objects, but 2D items (images, photographs, documents, etc) can be hung on their gallery display wall
  - David will contact Pam and schedule a time to go see the space and meet up for a meeting
- Book project update
  - Melanie was emailed by our editor checking in, inquiring on if we are planning to move forward with the book or put a hold on the project for now
  - If we decide to put a hold on the project for now, we can re-propose this same project to them in the future and restart it at a later date
  - We can be working on the book in the meantime and have it nearly ready to go before we re-submit our proposal
  - The commission agrees to put a hold on the book for now and reevaluate our timeline moving forward
    - Looking at submitting a finished manuscript in time for a fall 2026 release date to celebrate the 200th year of James Sharp's settling
  - Melanie will follow up with our editor with this
- Exhibit cases/furniture for Borough building
  - Melanie found some nice cases on Facebook Marketplace
    - Melanie will reach out to make an offer
    - During the meeting, the seller responded that they were still available, we've worked out a deal and will purchase and pick up the cases
    - Matt and David will go to pick up the cases on Sunday
    - The cases will need locks installed