

Sharpsburg, PA

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

09/28

28 September 2017 / 7:00 PM / Sharpsburg Community Library

ATTENDEES

Malina Suity, Leo Rudzki, Joe Bruno, Matthew Rudzki, Devin Russian, Lou DeLuca

AGENDA

- Review/updates action item list.
 - **Research Review-**
 - Update regarding Digital presence- Regina
 - Update Sharpsburg research at the Carnegie Library PA room- Devin & Regina
 - Update research Google newspaper archives- Devin
 - Conduct more Sharpsburg research at the Heinz History Center- Malina
 - Update research how to proceed with Historical designation process for St. Mary's Catholic Church- Malina
 - Update regarding sharing St. Mary's digital research and work on converting physical information to digital format- Joe

NOTES

- **Digital Presence** – Devin read a note from Regina stating that the committee now has an email address through the borough. She asked if there were any volunteers to monitor the email. She also contacted Bill Rossey, Borough Manager, about the historical commission getting a page on the website. Bill agreed. Matthew noted the website will be up by mid-October. Bill also stated a photographer would be available October 3rd for a photo. The commission agreed that not all members would be able to make that date. The commission photo was delayed.
- **Research** – No new updates from Devin

- **Historical Designation for St. Mary's** – Malina and Matthew met with **Bill Callahan** Western PA Community Preservation Coordinator at St. Mary's. Bill discussed expanding the designation to include old St Mary's school, Rectory, and other buildings still present. Malina and Matthew said that there were positive takeaways from the meeting with Bill. Malina stated the next step was to reach out to the Diocese. Matthew spoke to Rosemary Haas who stated there would be no roadblocks from the church. Lou pointed out that the Diocese has original drawings for the church. The next step is to start compiling information for the nomination form. Malina and Matthew also discussed with Bill the possibility of designation for other buildings in Sharpsburg including the main street buildings as a historic district. It was also noted the historic designation for St. Mary's will not occur by the anniversary.
- **St Mary's Digital Research** – Joe will turn over all information to Malina. Joe brought copies of slides from 1967 to 1972 of Sharspburg. Joe Photoshopped the images to add text and also saved the originals as TIFFs.
- **Broad Research via Post-Gazette** – Melanie was not present for the meeting, but stated via email she is working on this currently.