

Sharpsburg Historical Commission Meeting 06/01/22

Held via Zoom

In attendance: Joseph Bruno (Treasurer), Jocelyn Codner (Clerk), Mary Louise Green, Melanie Linn Gutowski (Chair), Kayla Portis, Leo Rudzki, Matt Rudzki

- Cameron Smith from Cooper Siegel joined us to discuss the oral history project
 - “Our Community Stories” project is based on a model from Adirondacks
 - Short form approach to oral history that includes audio recordings, images of ephemera, and contextual information to craft a narrative and preserve history and memory
 - Using Memria platform to create the project
 - The Commission will get Cameron a list of names and introductions of good candidates for “Our Community Stories” by June 15th
 - Cameron is willing to answer our questions and offer professional assistance in our own oral history project
 - Perhaps there is potential for the Commission to hire Cameron in a freelance capacity, or fund a portion of “Our Community Stories” project through the library to help expand it to include extended (longer) Sharpsburg oral histories
- Art & History Walk/Stroll: volunteers needed on the day of to monitor the exhibits and manage book/donation table
 - Melanie has brochures and is putting together foam board displays for Mt. Olive
 - Jocelyn has supplies for Clay St. and signage for both Clay St. and Mt. Olive
 - Joe and Joan will be managing the donations and history books until 3pm
 - Jocelyn will be at Clay St. all day
 - Kayla will be at Mt. Olive for the couple hours and we will need someone to step in and cover the second half of the event
 - Jocelyn will check in with Donna to see if someone else can step in
 - Jocelyn can take down the exhibit at Mt. Olive if needed
- Discussion of acknowledgement letter/statement for those who donate to the SHC (Joe)
 - They look good!
- Melanie is working on letters of acknowledgement for recent items and monetary donations
- David Grim Archive
 - David Grim runs the 15215 Facebook page
 - He’s a photographer who likes to take pictures of gritty everyday life and gives it a new perspective
 - He takes very unique and beautiful pictures of Sharpsburg
 - Should we approach him to see if we could acquire some of his photos for the archives or offer to partner on a show of his work? Sure!
- Rescheduling July meeting
 - Considering moving July’s meeting since it’s falling so close to the holiday, will email further