

## Sharpsburg Historical Commission Meeting Update March 2020 to August 2020

### 3/4/2020 Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Lecture Planning

Due to a BSA meeting planned for April 30<sup>th</sup>, we will try to change the date for the lecture so that Boy Scout adjacent people who are interested can attend (Also so Matt can attend)

Perhaps May 7<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>, but the time will stay at 7pm

Joe dropped off the check for the Pope John Paul I center

Once date is changed, Melanie will create a Facebook event and boost it

Mary Louise has refreshment supplies from last time at her house.

Will need to buy more coffee

Plan for 125 people

Matt will talk to Brother Tom's. will have check ready at pick up for cookies

Melanie will make a new flyer

Malina will post flyers in Lawrenceville and give some to her sister to take to the downtown library

Mary Louise will email to PHLF for their electronic newsletter

#### 2. Photo Scanning Update

Matt gave Jackie's photos to Joe

Joe has started scanning—will concentrate on photos as opposed to print materials

Joe will give Melanie the drive in a few weeks

At next meeting Melanie will start to choose images for the book, and commission members will review

We will divvy up researching captions and chapter introductions among the members

#### 3. 1993 book reissue – Joe needs to contact the printer

#### 4. St. Mary's Nomination Update

Diane Little, great granddaughter of the architect is excited, might travel to Sharpsburg again

Mary Louise talked to Bill Callahan

Dederich did 45 churches, appears to be only one in PA

Callahan will try and find some nominations where further research might have been done

Dederich was not a trained architect, was self-taught, sole practitioner with no firm

Little has a few photographs of him

Priest who dedicated the church was Dederich's nephew

5. Dick Fisher is the canal guy interested in doing a talk – Matt will get Melanie his information

April through July meetings cancelled due to Covid-19

8/5/20 Meeting Minutes (Remote meeting)

1. Mary Louise offered written update on Nomination (she was unable to attend remotely)  
“Work on placing St Mary church on the National Register is at a standstill. My goal, once I can reconnect with other parties, is to see if I can access the successful National Register applications for other Dederich churches. Once this is done, I want to speak with professional application writers.”  
Malina will ask a former colleague if an informal quote on this kind of nomination from her company is possible, of if she knows what the going rate might be
2. Intent to prepare a report to council – Matt will ask Devin for a copy of the last one sent
3. Photo Scanning Update  
Joe has not done any scanning, will start soon  
The book deadline has not moved, but we are still on track  
In the fall, will divvy up research topics  
Joe will copy images to hard drive and deliver to Melanie  
We have 11 chapters planned and need a minimum of 180 photos  
Should consider how to handle Guyasuta Days, and the Guyasuta statue – Problematic for some audience without sensitivity, problematic for other audiences to leave out or to elide  
– be thinking about how to address sensitive topics
4. Officer elections  
Matt motion to keep offices the same for 2020/2021  
Malina second  
Passes unanimously with those in attendance
5. Zoom lectures?  
April lecture was cancelled/never promoted  
John Paul I center still has deposit  
Who might be interested in digital lecture?  
Borough has zoom account we may be able to borrow  
Live with Q&A questions, ability to record and share on social media  
Melanie will get in touch with Miriam (lecturer) and see if we can get something scheduled  
More out of towners might be able to attend—bigger turn out than in person?