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December 7, 2018

Dear Friends,

After months of work, the most recent preservation and restoration project at Sellers Hall is now complete. Architect John Milner and Hanson Fine Building & Preservation have finished the masonry restoration on the south and west walls, constructed a pent roof between the first and second floor front and side, and fabricated and installed historically accurate windows and shutters. Thanks to a generous gift from James and Gail Riepe (Jim is a Sellers Family member), FOSH was able to retain John Milner and John Hanson to plan and execute this important restoration work.

In other good news, the Delaware County Board of Assessment Appeals granted FOSH a Tax exemption for 2019. The Sellers Hall property was originally appraised at \$172,000. Board members Bill McDevitt and Alanna Piser successfully presented FOSH's case with strong arguments as to why that assessment was too high. The presentation included another appraisal from a local, well-respected firm of \$50,000. They also emphasized

that Sellers Hall should be tax exempt since it's on the National Register. We will have to appeal this again next year, but it was a small victory for now.

As we reflect on the wonderful things that have happened in 2018, we are starting to prepare for 2019 as well. It will be a crucial fundraising year for FOSH since we plan to apply for both a community block development grant from the township and a Keystone Grant from the state. In addition to those grants, we will continue to seek out other sources of funding for the continued restoration of Sellers Hall.

Without the generosity of our members, FOSH and Sellers Hall would not be in the position that it's in today! We thank you for your support and ask you to please consider making a special donation, in addition to your membership dues, to help FOSH prosper. Please fill out the form below and mail to our treasurer to continue your membership and to make a special contribution.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Ellen Cronin & Jessica Rutkowski

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In addition, the yearly membership dues are as listed below:

- ☐ Individual \$30
- ☐ Household \$40
- ☐ Organization \$50
- ☐ Donor \$100
- ☐ Patron \$500 and above

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