

The Hiawatha History Commission met on July 12, 2021, at Hiawatha City Hall in Conference Room D with Merry Rooks as Chair calling the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Members present: Marilyn James, Pat Semelroth, and Merry Rooks.

Business:

Pat Semelroth moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Marilyn James. Motion carried.

Marilyn James moved the approval of the June 14, 2021 minutes, seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.

### **Financial Update**

The Commission has \$4,757.71 in their account.

### **20 books are printed and are at the library under their counter**

Rooks asked if the price should still be \$20.00. Semelroth asked if the price to purchase the books had increased and if not, suggested keeping it at \$20.00 or \$25.00 if the book is mailed.

Rooks asked if we should sell at the library or at City Hall. Semelroth said there would be more visibility at the library. James added the library is open later. Rooks said if the library is willing, we will have books for sale there.

Semelroth suggested advertising or selling at Fun Fest, possibly getting a table to promote books and the History Commission. Discussion was had about if Fun Fest would have tables and vendors and when the event would be held. Parks Director Kelly Willadsen was called and she indicated not many vendors would be there and there wasn't anything scheduled during the day. The Commission discussed options and decided not to pursue being at the Fun Fest event.

### **Hiawatha Insights**

Rooks noted August was for the 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Nixon, adding we will look for pictures.

Rooks asked James if she had suggested the Friends of the Library, James said she thought it would be good to put their name on the list, she doesn't know who is involved in the Friends or when the meet. Rooks said she would ask Jeaneal when they meet to discuss the History Books at the library, adding this would be good timing in September with school starting.

Semelroth said October is usually Fire Prevention month. Rooks noted there is an event coming up in Hiawatha that may be good for October. Semelroth mentioned Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October. Rooks agreed, Halloween for October.

Rooks commented Christmas or something in the winter would be good for December. James noted there are Christmas pictures of the library. Semelroth added there may be some pictures of Santa at the fire station that would be another option. James noted there was time to think about it.

### **Other Business Discussion**

Rooks asked if there was anything else. Semelroth asked if she was interested in any speakers for a while. Rooks said no. Semelroth asked if there was anyone looking for obituaries now that Carol has left, James suggested asking Marybeth Culbertson. Semelroth added there is a stack of obituaries from Carol to be sorted through. She asked if Bev gets the paper. James said she could ask and she would also ask the daughter of Dick Larson. Semelroth added there are several possibilities. James said she would see what she could do.

Next working meeting is August 9, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Marilyn James moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 p.m., seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.

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Merry Rooks, Chair