

The Hiawatha History Commission met on March 9, 2020, at Hiawatha City Hall in Conference Room D with Pat Semelroth as Chair calling the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Members present: Merry Rooks, Marilyn James, Carol Johnson, and Janis Lyons. Guests: Water Superintendent Marty Recker, Water Board Member Carl Ransford, Finance Director Cindy Kudrna, City Administrator Kim Downs, Public Works Superintendent Rod Jasa and Library Director Jeaneal Weeks.

Business:

Janis Lyons moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Merry Rooks. Motion carried.

Marilyn James moved the approval of the February 10, 2020 minutes, seconded by Carol Johnson. Motion carried.

Hiawatha 70th Birthday Celebration, June 13, 2020

The Commission discussed ideas about the celebration with Water Superintendent Marty Recker, Water Board Member Carl Ransford, Finance Director Cindy Kudrna, City Administrator Kim Downs, Public Works Superintendent Rod Jasa and Library Director Jeaneal Weeks. No decisions have been made on any specific ideas for the 70th Birthday Celebration.

Weeks asked what their plan is for the displays in the community center.

Rooks said they will put together the display boards from what pictures and items they have in the vault and have the audio of the past interviews playing.

Downs commented they could play the interviews from their YouTube account.

Semelroth said they could maybe include the TV9 Our Town video to be playing on the screen also.

Rooks also commented there will be tables set up in the community center if any departments want to put some stuff out for people to look at.

Downs asked what the passport looks like and if there is a gift bag for the kid who wins and also mentioned the departments could get together discuss some ideas.

Lyons mentioned they could always have them start at the Community Center and stop at each department.

Downs suggested having our GIS employee make the map for the passport idea.

Jasa asked is they had any thought of doing something with Fun Fest.

Weeks commented that it would be nice for them to have a booth at Fun Fest.

Downs asked how they are getting the word out for the birthday celebration.

Rooks said it will be in the Hiawatha Insights every month.

Semelroth also mentioned they would like to have it on the water bills if possible.

Weeks asked if there is anything on social media that they can send out to share for them.

Lyons mentioned she has thought about starting a Hiawatha History Commission Instagram page.

Downs asked if they have thought about sending a post card out to everyone to help get the word out.

Weeks asked if they were serving refreshments.

Semelroth said they would like to have a cake on Friday night in the Community Center.

Weeks asked the Commission if they would like the Library to sell the books for them also.

Kudrna gave the Commission an updated total of \$4,112.19 that is in their account.

Semelroth asked the other members of the Commission if they would like to have sub-committees for the celebration and after agreement from the other Commission members they decided on:

Carol – Food

Janis – Promotion

Merry – Passport

Pat – Friday night format

Janis – Postcard

Marilyn – Miscellaneous

The Commission again discussed ideas for the celebration and will discuss more ideas at the next meeting.

Hiawatha Insights Articles

The Commission discussed the upcoming Insights Article topics and decided on the following topics for the corresponding months of the newsletter:

March – Preorder for books (have form at front counter).

April – Preorder for books.

May – Birthday celebration (specific details).

June – Birthday celebration.

July – Thank you for celebration and pictures (and if any books are leftover there are some still available for purchase while supplies last).

Other Business Discussion

Next meeting is April 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Merry Rooks moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m., seconded by Carol Johnson. Motion carried.

Pat Semelroth, Chair