

The Hiawatha History Commission met on June 14, 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: Merry Rooks, Marilyn James and Pat Semelroth.

Business:

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

Pat Semelroth moved the approval of the April 12, 2021 minutes with the recommended changes, seconded by Marilyn James. Motion carried.

### **Financial Update**

The Commission has \$4,737.71 in their account.

### **20 more books at the printers**

Semelroth commented the books are at the library.

James asked if the books have been paid for.

Rooks said we haven't paid for anything.

Semelroth suggested talking to Janelle for the bill and asked if they wanted to have the books for purchase at the library. She read an email to her from the library regarding the books adding there are also six left at her house.

Rooks noted she will go to the library when she can and recommended tabling until they know what's going on.

### **No Hiawatha History has been on Insights for months (sent to Ambyr for April and May)**

Rooks commented they missed the May Insights and were in June's issue.

Rooks asked James if we have a list of topics for the upcoming months Insights.

James noted the Fire Department opening in July 1972 for July.

Semelroth asked if they wanted to include a thank you to Fire Chief Nesslage.

Rooks noted the Commission was asked to do a timeline for Mike's retirement party. She has some pictures.

James suggested Nixon Schools 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary for August.

Semelroth suggested using some of the scanned articles that weren't used in the history book for upcoming months.

Ambyr Severson came late to discuss the Insights with the Commission.

Rooks reminded her the History Commission meetings need to be added back to the calendar the second Monday each month at 1:30 p.m.

Severson noted that sometimes articles get moved or pushed back a month or cut entirely depending on space and what all needs to fit in a month. She added the meetings were off the calendar while the Commission wasn't meeting during COVID and her calendar got off.

Semelroth asked if they still needed to provide one for each month.

Severson commented the History Commission articles are pertinent and we certainly can tie them in to the month. The next deadline is Wednesday for July.

Semelroth asked if the files they were sending were working.

Severson reminded them if they're taking a picture of a picture to make sure it's centered directly on the picture.

**Hiawatha History is not on the calendar for meetings**

Semelroth added they History Commission is still not on the calendar and the article said "History Committee" rather than "History Commission." She reminded Severson of this.

**Had a work day on May 10, 2021 – Merry, Pat and Jann were there**

Rooks noted they cleaned up the 1950 book.

**Box in the vault and have no idea what's in it**

Rooks commented there is a box in the vault and she has no idea what's in it.

**Shirts have been in their box for a year**

Rooks asked if they wanted to do anything with the shirts.

James asked if they were dated?

Rooks noted they only say Hiawatha History 1950.

James asked if they just need to be laundered.

Rooks replied we need to do something with them.

Semelroth suggested using them for Fun Fest if there is a parade this year.

**Other Business Discussion**

Next working meeting is July 12, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Marilyn James moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 p.m., seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.

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Merry Rooks, Chair