The Hiawatha History Committee met at the Hiawatha City Hall in Conference Room D with Edie Wheeler as Chair calling the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Members present: Pat Semelroth, Bev Daws, Dick Larson, Don Earll, Sandy Brewer and Jerry Seifried. Guest: Peg Bader.

Edie Wheeler welcomed new History Committee Members Sandy Brewer and Don Earll.

The History Committee interviewed Peg Bader before the business meeting. Highlights of the interview include the following information:

* Peg Bader was born in Alta, Iowa and graduated from Marion High School.
* Peg and her husband Dick have lived in Hiawatha for 36 years.
* Peg worked at Rockwell for 37 ½ years.
* Kids League is a softball and baseball program for kids age kindergarten through 9th grade.
* Kids League incorporated in 1985.
* Peg has been the secretary for the Hiawatha Kids League for 29 to 30 years.
* The most enrollment the Kids League has ever had is 64 teams, 804 children and the lowest enrollment is 28 teams, 338 kids.
* For 2015, Kids League has 36 teams.
* Coaches meet in March.
* Cost to enroll a child in the Kids League program is $65 per child if registered before January 1. Fee includes a photo. Cost was $35 when Peg first started.
* Kids League offers free/discounted registration for families that cannot afford it. They do ask the family to pay $30 if they can. This seems to entice the kids to show up.
* Umpires are paid starting at $8, coaches are volunteer.
* There have been three different Kids League concession stands. It used to be a little red barn, now it is a brick building in Guthridge Park.
* Kids League raises money two ways: delivering flowers on Valentine’s Day for Peck’s and selling hotdogs, brats and popcorn in April at Peck’s.
* There are seven teams of first graders and kindergartners that play T Ball.
* Boys get a hat and girls get a visor.
* Kids League has 10 ball diamonds that they have to maintain, five are in the park, two at Nixon School, one on the Waterhouse property and one at Community of Christ Church.
* Kids League started in 1970 with boys baseball and girls started softball in 1974.
* Peg got started with the Kids League because her kids were in it.
* The coaches have a message printed on the back of their shirts that says, “We Coach, They Play, You Cheer.”
* Helmets are replaced every three years.

Business:

Bev Daws moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Dick Larson. Motion carried. Pat Semelroth moved the approval of the January 12, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Dick Larson. Motion carried*.*

**Update on Interviews**

* Pat Semelroth will contact the churches and contact Prairiewoods to get a speaker for March.

**Ideas for Hiawatha Insight Articles**

Pat Semelroth said she would stay after the meeting to go through the albums to find an article for the March newsletter.

**Work Session**

Edie Wheeler said the History Committee ladies came to city hall for a work session on February 5 to get newspaper clippings put in the albums. Edie plans to contact the History Committee members to set up another work session date soon.

**Other Discussion**

City Clerk Kelly Kornegor informed the History Committee that the IT staff (Stacy Schryba-Mead) is working with Connie at Metro Studios to get the YouTube videos out on Hiawatha website so the public can view them at any time.

Edie Wheeler announced she would be gone in April. History Committee members will decide whether they want to have a meeting while Edie is gone.

The History Committee talked about a Hiawatha time capsule. Hiawatha’s 65th anniversary is coming up.

Don Earll provided some background information on himself as follows:

Don is from Washington, Iowa. Don and his wife moved to Hiawatha in 1960 and bought their first house on Raney Street from Fay Clark. Don had an agreement to sod the land as a down payment on the house. Don and his wife moved to Rainbow Boulevard in 1970. Don retired from Rockwell after 35 years of employment in 1990. Don and his wife moved to 10th Avenue to downsize. Don lost his wife about five years ago. Don has watched the city grow over the years.

The next History Committee meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

Jerry Seifried moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:44 p.m., seconded by Bev Daws. Motion carried.

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Edie Wheeler, Chair