The Hiawatha History Committee met on September 14, 2015, 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, Sandy Brewer, Dick Larson, Don Earll, Jerry Seifried and Bev Daws. Guest: Brian Fanton from B E’s Coins.

The History Committee interviewed Brian Fanton from B E’s Coins. Highlights of the interview include the following information:

* Brian Fanton has a PhD in Numismatics, which is the study of coins and currency.
* Brain’ grandfather introduced him collecting coins in 1952.
* Brian is a historian who loved history even as a kid.
* Brian moved to Hiawatha in 1979 and has lived here for almost 40 years.
* When Brian opened the coin shop at 85 N Center Point Road it was 385 square feet in size. Ted from the Barber Shop called Brian when he was retiring and Brian moved the coin shop into the Barber Shop location next door.
* Brian has civil war currency given to him by his grandfather.
* Numismatic News interviewed Brian and he was awarded one of the top 50 coin shops in the U.S.
* Brian has been given many awards over the years related to his experience in coins and currency.
* Brian does training for kids and adults, teaches classes at the Hiawatha Public Library and helps the FBI and the government with special projects. Brian was even called to Washington DC and the Philadelphia Mint.
* Brian was asked by the Governor of Iowa to be a part of the Iowa State and Quarter Committee in 2003. Brian was chosen as the head numismatist on this project and was given the opportunity to strike his own coin.
* Brian served in the U.S. Navy.
* Brian enjoys what he does and enjoys meeting people and telling them about their coins.
* B E’s Coins has a new location on a half acre at 1210 N Center Point Road in Hiawatha. Brian drafted his own plans so he could get his shop the way he wanted it.
* Brian donates new coin books to the library each year to keep their copies up to date.

Business:

Dick Larson moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Bev Daws. Motion carried. Pat Semelroth moved the approval of the August 10, 2015 meeting minutes with corrections, seconded by Dick Larson. Motion carried*.*

**Update on Interviews**

Upcoming interviews:

* Jim Wheeler in October
* Buffalo Cemetery and Shiloh Cemetery

**Hiawatha Insight Articles**

* October newsletter – Picture of Dick Larson on his motorcycle

**Work Session Date**

Edie Wheeler scheduled a work session date for September 30 at 9:00 a.m.

**Other Business**

Edie mentioned David Marks passed away and the History Committee interviewed his folks in 2012.

The next History Committee meeting is October 12, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

Dick Larson moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m., seconded by Jerry Seifried. Motion carried.

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Edie Wheeler, Chair