

The Hiawatha History Commission met on June 10, 2024, at Hiawatha City Hall in Conference Room C with Pat Semelroth as Chair calling the meeting to order at 1:28 P.M. Members present: Pat Semelroth and Marilyn James. Chuck Graybell attended as a visitor.

Business:

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

Marilyn James moved the approval of the May 13, 2024 minutes, seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.

Interview – None

74th Birthday – June 14, 2024

Semelroth discussed having called KCRG about the “Our Town” possibilities for the 75th birthday event next year, KCRG said Hiawatha was on the list but they wouldn’t pick until January. There was also discussion of selling History books at the Food Truck Friday birthday event. Semelroth was also going to call Banacom to see where the second birthday banner came from. Semelroth and James discussed where they had handed out all of their birthday fliers and then quickly ran through their inventory of door prizes for the event.

Create a committee for Hiawatha’s 75th Birthday 2025

Tom Patterson reached out to Semelroth and discussed his ideas for possibly creating a committee to help plan the 75th Birthday celebration. He suggested reaching out to the community to find people for the committee. Chuck Graybell suggested contacting the Lions Club, the Legion Hall and the churches in Hiawatha to get volunteers. Some of Patterson’s ideas for the event included face painting, food trucks and hot air balloons. Semelroth discussed creating a letter at the July 8th History meeting to send out to the community.

Next meeting is July 8, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

James moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 PM, seconded by Semelroth. Motion carried.

Pat Semelroth, Chair