The Hiawatha History Commission met on August 12, 2019, at Hiawatha City Hall in Conference Room D with Pat Semelroth as Chair calling the meeting to order at 2:20 P.M. Members present: Merry Rooks, Marilyn James, and Carol Johnson.

Business:

Merry Rooks moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Marilyn James. Motion carried.

Marilyn James moved the approval of the July 8, 2019 minutes, seconded by Merry Rooks. Motion carried.

What do you see as the purpose and focus of the History Commission?
Semelroth explained to the Commission the ordinance regarding the Historical Commission was amended to approve having only five members instead of seven and not required to be a resident of Hiawatha. Copies of the ordinance were passed around and the commission plans to read the ordinance and have a discussion on it at the next meeting.

Hiawatha Fun Fest 2019 Recap
Semelroth said the group passed out 1,370 pieces of candy and 45 wrist bands. The group mentioned the buckets worked out well to hold the candy. They mentioned participating in Fun Fest again next year.

Hiawatha Insights Articles
The Commission discussed the upcoming Insights Article topics. They decided to use the History of the Farmers Market for September. Johnson looked into the History and who is in charge of the farmer's market.

They discussed having fire prevention for the month of October and using the parks for November, December and January newsletters.

Book Finances
Semelroth said they will be receiving $200.00 from McGrath from their grant for the book.

They discussed a $5,000.00 estimate from a vendor in regards to print 250 copies of the book.

They discussed sending out another letter to businesses to request donations or selling sponsorships and to not send the letter to those who have already sent money in. Also discussed putting something in the Insights about having pre-orders available for the book if possible.

Hiawatha 70th Birthday Celebration, June 12, 2020
The Commission brainstormed ideas with having a map with the different places in Hiawatha and having something small at each location. An open house idea where people would move from location to location.

They also discussed having it be more adult focused and having no parade.

Other Business Discussion
The Commission discussed briefly talking to the vendor about the turnaround time on the books.

The Commission discussed looking for a binder of pictures of all of the people who have been interviewed by them.

Next meeting is September 16, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

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

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Pat Semelroth, Chair