The Hiawatha History Committee met on December 12, 2016, at Hiawatha City Hall in Conference Room D with Pat Semelroth as Chair calling the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Members present: Tom Theis, Dick Larson and Jerry Seifried. Members absent: Bev Daws and Sandy Brewer. Guest: Chris Larson.

Business:

Tom Theis moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Dick Larson. Motion carried. Tom Theis moved the approval of the November 14, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Dick Larson. Motion carried.

Hiawatha Insight Articles

- January newsletter article – history on Hiawatha street names.

Other Business

City Clerk Kornegor announced Bev Daws is stepping down from the History Committee at the end of December 2016. Daws does not want to accept her reappointment. Kornegor said upon the departure of Daws, there are two open seats to fill.

The History Committee discussed potential new members: Jim Wheeler, Tom Patterson and Rick Pierce. Pat Semelroth asked Kornegor to contact these individuals to determine their interest.

Semelroth suggested postponing the appointment of a new vice-chair until filling the vacant seats.

Discussion on the History Book

Kornegor asked for input on getting an intern from one of the local colleges or high schools to assist with putting together the history book. History Committee members liked this idea.

Tom Theis gave an update on his conversation with Hassan from Cedar Graphics. Theis shared a book printed by Cedar Graphics and explained Hassan was willing to work with the Linn News-Letter to create a hard cover history book. Theis said Cedar Graphics would require a mock up of the material the history committee would be interested in printing; text in Word format and pictures in PDF format. Theis mentioned Hassan felt the history committee could sell the history books for $15-$20.

Theis mentioned visiting with some of the local businesses to seek funding sponsorship for the history book.

Kornegor said the history committee has a $2,000 budget beginning July 1 of each year. Any unused funds do not roll over to the next fiscal year.

Semelroth asked Kornegor to provide the following information for the next meeting to assist in putting together the chapters of the history book: list of completed interviews, print out of completed text and snapshots of articles pulled from past newsletters.

The history committee will watch the history videos during the next meeting to pull information for the history book. History Committee members worked on the book for the remainder of the meeting.

Next meeting is January 9, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Dick Larson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 p.m., seconded by Tom Theis. Motion carried.

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Pat Semelroth, Chair