The Hiawatha History Commission met on May 13, 2019, 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: Merry Rooks, Marilyn James, Chris Ask, and Dick Larson.

Business:

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

Hiawatha Insight Articles

Cindy Peterson will be doing the newsletter, but all articles will still come through City Hall. The schedule for the next few months are: July – Hiawatha Kids League, August – Back to School, September – Farmers State, October – Fire Prevention Month. The Commission will continue to work on getting articles for the newsletter for six months at a time.

Other Business Discussion

The Commission discussed the City's birthday next year and if there were any plans at this time. They would like to correlate with the City's plans.

The committee reviewed the process for when they are ready to order books and how they will spend their money. They decided to get updated pricing from J&A, Cedar Graphics, and Fisher Group for the cost of printing the books. The committee discussed whether they would prefer to see more pictures in the book or more text descriptions and what whether the books should be printed in hard back or spiral bound. Rooks would like to see more pictures of people and places and would prefer a spiral bound book. James was concerned that a spiral bound copy wouldn't hold up as well and would prefer a hard bound book. Ask would prefer a hard bound copy as it is nicer. Semelroth indicated that the original thought was more of a picture book than a reading book. The Commission considered a soft bound book rather than hard bound or spiral.

Semelroth discussed the possibility of setting up a booth at Fun Fest instead of being in the parade. She will follow up with Kelly Willadsen.

Next meeting is June 10, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Chris Ask and Dick Larson resigned as of the end of the meeting May 13, 2019.

Semelroth thanked Ask and Larson for their hard work on the Commission.

Merry Rooks moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:01 p.m., seconded by Chris Ask. Motion carried.

Pat Semelroth

Pat Semelroth, Chair