The Hiawatha History Committee met on September 11, 2017, 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, Chris Ask, Sandy Brewer and Mary Beth Culbertson. Members Absent: Jerry Seifried.

Business:

Sandy Brewer moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Mary Beth Culbertson. Motion carried. Tom Theis moved the approval of the August 14, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Mary Beth Culbertson. Motion carried.

Discussion on contacting local businesses for history book sponsorships

City Clerk Kornegor informed History Committee members there were three more sponsorships received from the local businesses for the publication of the history book. Total sponsorship dollars received to date: $850.00.

History Committee members will revisit this matter in October to determine necessity in contacting some of the local businesses for additional sponsorship dollars for the history book.

Hiawatha Insight Articles

October newsletter article –

- Street name history on streets near Nixon School (Brandon Avenue, Pat's Drive, Terry Avenue and Ryan Avenue). Pat Semelroth shared she learned from Bev Daws the streets were named after Veterinarian Dr. Pirie's grandkids.

November newsletter article –

- Street name history on Sherman Road and Stamy Road. Pat Semelroth will contact Chris Sherman to verify the history behind the naming of Sherman Road.

History Committee members discussed Reed Road and finding the history on this street. City Clerk Kornegor said she would look at the map to find out where Reed Road is located.

Other Discussion

Mary Beth Culbertson shared she had a discussion with Dr. Richard Louvar on history of Hiawatha. Dr. Louvar mentioned he would be interested in sharing his knowledge with the History Committee. Mary Beth Culbertson will contact Dr. Louvar to see if he is available to attend the October meeting or be interviewed at a later date.

History Committee members set a target date of completion for the history book as August 2018 in time for the Hiawatha Fun Fest.

Dick Larson moved to adjourn the business portion of the meeting at 2:30 p.m., seconded by Chris Ask. Motion carried.

History Book

History Committee members used the rest of the meeting to work on the History Book.

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

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Pat Semelroth, Chair