The Hiawatha History Committee met at the Hiawatha City Hall in Conference Room D with Edie Wheeler as Chair calling the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Members present: Pat Semelroth, Bev Daws, Dick Larson, and Jerry Seifried. Guests: Sandy Brewer and Ted and Alice Williams.

Edie Wheeler welcomed guests Sandy Brewer and Ted and Alice Williams. Ted was a long time barber in Hiawatha.

The History Committee interviewed Ted Williams before the business meeting. Highlights of the interview include the following information:

* Ted grew up in Knoxville, Iowa.
* Ted and Alice met in 1953 in Knoxville. Knoxville had the largest VA mental hospital and student nurses would come in for training. Alice was one of the student nurses.
* Ted had a 47 Ford and he would drive it around the dirt track in Knoxville.
* Ted and Alice married 1955 after Alice finished nurses training.
* Alice worked at St. Luke’s Hospital for 24 years.
* Ted served in the Army overseas in Korea.
* Ted and Alice have three children, two sons and a daughter.
* Ted and Alice have seven grandkids and two great grandsons.
* Ted attended barber college in Des Moines on a GI Bill and had to go to classes each year to keep his license up.
* Ted barbered for 53 years.
* Roy St. John started the barbershop and he bought it from Fay Clark.
* Ted and Alice rented a house by Hiawatha School when they first came to town because it was hard to find a place to live.
* Being a barber included a lot of conversation.
* Ted only did men’s haircuts and shaving but the shaving faded out over the years.
* Ted considered 50’s hairstyles some of the best.
* The Hiawatha Mayor was one of Ted’s clients.
* Ted remembers when George Bowler was the mayor and there was one police officer at the City.
* Ted and Alice finally settled in Marion and that is where they currently live today.

Dick Larson moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Bev Daws. Motion carried. Bev Daws moved the approval of the November 10, 2014 meeting minutes, seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried*.*

**Update on Interviews**

February Interview: Peg Bader – if Pat Semelroth cannot get Peg then she is going to work on contacting the churches.

History Committee members mentioned making the following contacts for future interviews:

* Hope Church –celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year, Mary Beth is the contact
* Prairie Woods – Sister Rita
* St. Elizabeth Church –celebrating their 25 year
* Brian Fanton from B E’s Coin Shop

**Ideas for Hiawatha Insight Articles**

Pat Semelroth suggested putting the old Hiawatha newspaper banner in the February Insights. The old newspaper called Hiawatha Happenings was printed in 1972.

**Other Discussion**

Edie Wheeler mentioned having another work session to work on albums.

Edie Wheeler welcomed Sandy Brewer and Don Earll as new members joining the History Committee. Sandy Brewer and Don Earll will prepare a short write up on themselves and submit it to the City Clerk. City Council will approve the appointments of Sandy Brewer and Don Earll at the next meeting on January 21, 2015.

Edie Wheeler brought all three of Fay Clark’s books to show the History Committee.

Jerry Seifried moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:37 p.m., seconded by Bev Daws. Motion carried.

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Edie Wheeler, Chair