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| 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, Sandy Brewer and Dick Larson. Absent: Don Earll, Jerry Seifried and Bev Daws. Guest: Pastor Daniel Krueger from Zion Lutheran Church. The History Committee interviewed Pastor Daniel Krueger from Zion Lutheran before the business meeting. Highlights of the interview include the following information: * Pastor Krueger served four and a half years in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and then went to Davenport for 10 years before coming to Hiawatha in May 1998.
* Pastor Krueger and his wife have three children.
* Zion Church is a Lutheran Church
* The original church was a schoolhouse that was moved to Hiawatha in 1949.
* Zion was most likely the first church in Hiawatha.
* Vacation bible school has been held every year since 1949.
* Trinity and Bethany are sister congregations.
* In the summer of 1953 a Vicar was called to serve both Hiawatha and Mt. Vernon.
* During the summer of 1954 Zion was officially organized as a congregation.
* In 1956, Zion broke ground on the first sanctuary.
* In 1957 Zion was large enough to support their first full-time pastor.
* The parsonage was built in 1959
* In 1966-1967 Zion expanded their facility.
* Chaos in the family is the biggest difference in families of today.
* Zion used Laborers of Christ to help build the building. This is a group of retired carpenters. The construction took a big toll on the members of the congregation. The church saw a decline in attendance once the construction was done because everyone was so worn out.
* Zion just recently completed remodeling of the sanctuary including replacing the organ and updating the choir loft area.
* Zion has approximately 540 members in their congregation.

 Business: Pat Semelroth moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Dick Larson. Motion carried. Pat Semelroth moved the approval of the May 11, 2015 meeting minutes with revisions to correct spelling of Trzl, seconded by Sandy Brewer. Motion carried*.* **Update on Interviews**Upcoming interviews: * Norma Manhart in July.
* St. Elizabeth's Church
* Edie, Bev and Sandy will do the interview for Hope Church
* Brian Fanton from the Coin Shop
* Buffalo Cemetery and Shiloh Cemetery

**Hiawatha Insight Articles*** July newsletter - Water pump in Shiloh Cemetery
* Future newsletter articles on file - Prairiewoods and Zion Church

 **Other Business**Edie Wheeler thanked Dick Larson for bringing in pictures of his dad's army unit at the end of World War I. Wheeler said everyone enjoyed the pictures and the story behind them. City Clerk Kelly Kornegor mentioned having History Committee members come in to city hall on a non-meeting day so the Deputy Clerk, City Administrator and City Clerk could surprise them with a presentation. The next History Committee meeting is July 13, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. Sandy Brewer moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 p.m., seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Edie Wheeler, Chair |