The Hiawatha History Committee met on May 9, 2016, at Hiawatha City Hall in Conference Room D with Edie Wheeler as Chair calling the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Members present: Sandy Brewer, Bev Daws, Tom Theis and Jerry Seifried. Members absent: Pat Semelroth and Dick Larson.

Business:

Sandy Brewer moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Bev Daws. Motion carried.

**Ideas for Hiawatha Newsletter Articles**

June newsletter – 1949 map of Hiawatha with article on becoming incorporated as a town.

**History Book**

The History Committee and City Clerk Kelly Kornegor worked on the history book.

History Committee members found material to use for a chapter on Hiawatha’s founder, Fay Clark. Kornegor will put the information into a Word document and have it ready for the June meeting.

History Committee members discussed using “How It All Began” or “Hiawatha Founder” as a title for the Fay Clark chapter.

Other ideas to include in the book:

* Instead of using the full interview transcripts prepared by Metro Studios, write short articles on people who helped build the town and were a significant part of the history of Hiawatha.
* Police chiefs and fire chiefs.
* A Thank You section at the end of the book for people like Tom Patterson who started the history committee, Dr. Thomas who used to attend the history meetings, and past and present history committee members.
* Lions Club, Rotary, Optimist Club, Fire Auxiliary
* Businesses (examples named: Viking Pump, Pella Windows, Vector, A’Hearn, Rexco, Graybill, Dairy Burger).
* Construction of the interstate through town and Blairs Ferry Road.

Kornegor and the History Committee discussed asking local businesses to help fund the history book in exchange for page space to include a write-up about their business. History Committee members did not want to take any action on asking businesses for funding at this time, may revisit later in the process.

**Other Discussion**

Kornegor asked the History Committee to think about participating in the Hiawatha Fun Fest, having a float or car in the parade.

The next History Committee meeting is June 13, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Bev Daws moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:51 p.m., seconded by Tom Theis. Motion carried.

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Edie Wheeler, Chair