

The Hiawatha History Commission met on February 10, 2020, 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, and Carol Johnson. Janis Lyons was absent. Guests: Police Chief Dennis Marks, Fire Chief Mike Nesslage and Administrative Coordinator Ambyr Severson.

Business:

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

Marilyn James moved the approval of the January 13, 2020 minutes, seconded by Merry Rooks. Motion carried.

### **Hiawatha 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, June 12, 2020**

The Commission discussed ideas about the celebration with Police Chief Dennis Marks, Fire Chief Mike Nesslage and Administrative Coordinator Ambyr Severson. No decisions have been made on any specific ideas for the 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.

Marks said they could have something set up in the multi-purpose room of City Hall for residents to stop by and visit but mentioned the 9:00 am – 5:00 pm timeframe is a big window and the Commission might want to consider condensing the time.

Semelroth mentioned maybe doing 10:00 am – 2:00 pm instead.

Nesslage said they would like to mirror the time frame of the Police Department and might also do a retiree breakfast earlier that morning.

Severson said she agrees with condensing the timeframe and mentioned sometimes it is hard to get participation stirred up from the community.

The Commission again discussed ideas for the celebration and will discuss more ideas at the next meeting.

### **Hiawatha Insights Articles**

The Commission discussed the upcoming Insights Article topics and decided on the following topics for the corresponding months of the newsletter:

March – Preorder for books (have form at front counter).

April – Preorder for books.

May – Birthday celebration (specific details).

June – Birthday celebration.

July – Thank you for celebration and pictures (and if any books are leftover there are some still available for purchase while supplies last).

### **Donations Update**

The Commission discussed an estimated total of \$3,800 from donations.

### **Book Current Proof**

Pat said Cynthia Peterson will have a proof for the March meeting and will be able to submit to SPS in April. SPS would proof the book and send back to the Commission for approval, this would be around a two week turnaround.

**Other Business Discussion**

City Clerk Kari Graber swore in Carol Johnson.

Next meeting is March 9, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Merry Rooks moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m., seconded by Carol Johnson. Motion carried.

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Pat Semelroth, Chair