

The Hiawatha History Commission met on April 10, 2023, 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: Pat Semelroth and Marilyn James. Carmela Darrah-Chiafos attended as a visitor.

Business:

Marilyn James moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.

Marilyn James moved the approval of the January 9, 2023, seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.

Results of new members recruitment

Semelroth and James noted they have not heard back from anyone they have contacted.

History Commission T-Shirts

Deputy Clerk Scheer noted eleven t-shirts had been purchased so far.

Birthday Party June 9th 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Hiawatha was founded June 12th 1950 but the birthday celebration will be June 9th to combine with Food Truck Friday. History Commission will set out a table and use the City Hall foyer if the weather is bad.

Publicity

James noted they will pass out flyers ahead of time. Semelroth added they will put a save the date in the Hiawatha Insights. James said Farmers State Bank agreed to put the information on their website as well. Semelroth said they should ask the Water Department to put it on their bill April 15th.

Format

Semelroth said they will be outside with a table and spinning wheel to give out prizes. Possibly coupons for the food trucks. Darrah-Chiafos asked if the coupons had to be used that day or could they be used another time. Semelroth said she would get a list of food trucks from Kelly to see who is coming and they need to find a grand prize—possibly a t-shirt. James added maybe they could use a History Book. Semelroth asked Darrah-Chiafos if she had seen the history book. Darrah-Chiafos reviewed the book. Semelroth added they would have scrapbooks out for people to look at. She asked the group when they would like to ask local business for donations. James said to make sure they don't expire before they are given away. Darrah-Chiafos asked how many prizes they were thinking of. Semelroth said this is a new format for us. Darrah-Chiafos added she can reach out to Oscar's, Darrah's would donate a \$50 savings bond or something similar. Committee members discussed several local businesses they would each reach out to over the coming weeks. Darrah-Chiafos suggested having her children create a flyer this week. Members agreed to keep each other up-to-date so they don't ask the same businesses twice. They agreed not to provide food for the celebration so as to not compete with the food trucks. Darrah-Chiafos suggested having Banacom make signs. Semelroth added we can have the flag and our banner out as well.

Interviews

No interview this month.

Methods to Preserve History

Members agreed to let this go to the side while they concentrate on the birthday party.

Update the 2023 timeline of Commission Activities

Semelroth asked if there was anything they need to be working on. Members agreed they would collect prizes this month and check progress/finalize at the May meeting. Darrah-Chiafos said she would get the flyer read this week. May 10th is the deadline for the June Insights. Members agreed to get a banner without a year so they

can re-use it. Darrah-Chiafos asked if the Commission logs history. Semelroth said they do interviews, they wrote the History Book, and they contribute a history article to the Hiawatha Insights each month. James said they go through boxes of donated items to categorize. Darrah-Chiafos agreed to be interviewed for Darrah's after the birthday party.

Next meeting is May 8, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

James moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:19 PM, seconded by Semelroth. Motion carried.

Pat Semelroth, Chair