

The Hiawatha History Commission met on August 14, 2023, at Hiawatha City Hall in Conference Room C with Pat Semelroth as Chair calling the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M. Members present: Pat Semelroth and Marilyn James.

Business:

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

Marilyn James moved the approval of the July 10, 2023, seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.

Financial update

Amy Scheer noted their balance is \$4,743.11. Discussion was had regarding current receipts and payments for the History Commission T-shirt sales.

History Commission T-Shirts

Semelroth said she is concerned that they didn't charge enough for the shirts and would like to discuss with Kari Graber the true cost of the shirts to better plan for the next time they sell shirts. Semelroth also noted the last of the purchased shirts were delivered.

Meet with the History Center staff

Semelroth asked if they would like to set up a time to meet with the History Center staff to see how they would archive the Hiawatha items or get their help and advice.

James asked if they should come to City Hall so they can see what we have and are trying to archive.

Semelroth indicated that was a good idea and said she would look at October to see if they have a couple dates they would be able to come.

Update the 2023 timeline of Commission Activities

Semelroth showed the timeline of upcoming Commission events from the past and asked James if there was anything she would like to add or that she thinks the commission should work on other than the 75th birthday, interviews, and the Insights articles.

James mentioned there have been no calls regarding the History Mystery articles in the previous Insights. Semelroth asked if they could continue to use her contact information. James said yes.

James asked about upcoming interviews. Semelroth answered that the interview that was scheduled for this meeting wasn't able to find the items they would like to share. She added Parsons Go Daddy would likely be next month. She noted they want to have the interviews recorded into the minutes of their meetings and Graber was going to look if they could include images in their minutes.

James said she would like to comment on the Veteran Banner program in the November Insights in honor of Veterans Day, acknowledging those who participated. Semelroth asked if that was already in the Insights. Scheer said she would check.

Semelroth asked if they would like to consider participating in the Holiday Lights Parade this year. The Commission briefly discussed a float and whether or not candy is passed out.

Scheer suggested Trunk or Treat hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department for Halloween.

Semelroth noted they would consider participating in the Holiday Lights Parade and Trunk or Treat.

Brainstorm Hiawatha 75th Birthday 2025

Semelroth noted they will be attending the August 29th staff meeting to brainstorm ideas for the 75th birthday. Semelroth asked what time. Scheer noted the meeting begins at 8:00 AM.

Next meeting is September 11, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

James moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 PM, seconded by Semelroth. Motion carried.

Pat Semelroth, Chair