

The Hiawatha History Commission met on November 14, 2022, at Hiawatha City Hall in Conference Room D with Merry Rooks as Chair calling the meeting to order at 1:33 P.M. Members present: Pat Semelroth, Marilyn James and Merry Rooks. Janis Lyons was absent.

Business:

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

Pat Semelroth moved the approval of the October 10, 2022, seconded by Marilyn James. Motion carried.

### **Financial Update**

City Clerk Graber informed the group they have \$4,672.11 in their account.

### **Hiawatha Insights**

Commission talked about what was to be put in for the December Insights and Semelroth suggested working 3-6 months in advance for the Insights.

### **Miscellaneous**

The group continued discussing more on what to do with the history commission shirts moving forward and mentioned doing a pre-order to make shirts available for the public to purchase with an idea of having them in time for the birthday. By March put the first advertisement out to collect pre-orders in the newsletter and at the library. Rooks commented that she does not think it is a good idea to sell the History Commission shirts to the public. Semelroth mentioned they could wait until January to make a decision on the shirts. James commented she knows a lady who embroiders items and will get more information and also check with Banacom. Semelroth made a motion to move the decision of shirts to the January meeting, seconded by James. Motion carried.

Semelroth commented about wanting to put signs up in regards to where different things are in Hiawatha and will call the History Center and get some pricing from Letterperfect. James mentioned they have the money for it. Semelroth said if they can get a grant for them, it would be even better. City Clerk Graber mentioned she would have their Policy Administrative Specialist Gillette look into grants for signs to be placed around Hiawatha for historical purposes. Semelroth said it would be another purpose to help educate residents.

The group continued discussion on what and how to archive/preserve their historical items. James said she talked with Alburnett and they started in the corner of the basement, everything was in 3-ring binders but Hiawatha doesn't have that much space. They are a lot older than they are and they ran out of room at the bank. She doesn't think the library is a good place to move the items to with the public access coming in and out. Semelroth asked if there is some way to scan their notebooks to have backups and need to have another place and mentioned they will continue to do more research.

Next meeting is December 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Marilyn James moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 p.m., seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.

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Merry Rooks, Chair