The Hiawatha History Commission met at the Hiawatha City Hall in Conference Room D with the Edith Wheeler as Chair calling the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Members present: Dick Larson, Bev Daws, Pat Semelroth, and Jerry Seifried. Members absent: Roberta Hamdorf and Don Gabel. Guest: None.

Edie Wheeler announced Peg Bader was not able to make it to the meeting today to give her interview due to a family emergency.

Dick Larson moved the approval of the agenda, second by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried. Pat Semelroth moved the approval of the January 13, 2014 meeting minutes after changes are made, second by Bev Daws. Motion carried*.*

**Future Interviews**

* Joanne Hines interview in March – Edie Wheeler will call.
* Members of Zion Church, Hope Church and St. Elizabeth Church
* Scouts, Campfire and Girl Scouts
* PTA members at Hiawatha Elementary School and Nixon School – Pat Semelroth will look into this.
* Police Officers Gary Manhart and Rod Fiser
* American Legion members
* Optimist Club
* Beverly Johnson (Larry Johnson husband) 1006 Bowler Street – Playground program

**Hiawatha Insight Articles**

Edie Wheeler informed commission members she submitted fire department dedication pictures for the March newsletter article.

Edie Wheeler suggested putting the police chief and police marshal article in the April newsletter. Edie mentioned all the names of the police chiefs were featured in the January 2011 newsletter article. The History Commission still needs a picture of Police Officer Gary Manhart. Manhart was an interim police chief in 2007 before Dennis Marks was hired as police chief.

The History Commission listed the following names as past police marshals: Bob Cook, James Fielding, Jerry Ferry, and Ed Ferguson was an officer. Bev Daws suggested looking in past City Council minutes from the 1950’s to see if James Beltz was listed as a marshal.

History Commission members talked about putting a fire chief article in a future newsletter. Commission members asked Dick Larson to come up with a list. Some of the names Dick mentioned as past fire chiefs include: Fay Cark, Jim Faas, Bob Cook (first three chiefs), Dick Larson, Dick Morris, Don Labs, Mark Powers and Mike Nesslage.

**Other Discussion**

The History Commission held the following discussion on the Kid’s League: the moms used to bring water for the kids and sit out in the hot weather to watch the kids play. Edie Wheeler said her husband Jim used to coach the boys and girls teams. Pat Semelroth stated she used to sponsor teams. The cost of being on a team today is $65. Lois Thompson used to umpire the games and she was heckled. Lois told the parents if they felt they could do a better job than they could take over.

Dick Larson said he was the first paid employee for the City of Hiawatha; he was in charge of water. Dick also stated he was a charter member of the Hi-Optimi for Hiawatha.

The next History Commission meeting will be held on March 10, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

Jerry Seifried moved to adjourn at 2:36 P.M., second by Dick Larson. Motion carried.

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Edith Wheeler, Chair