The Hiawatha History Committee met at the Hiawatha City Hall in Conference Room D with Edie Wheeler as Chair calling the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Members present: Pat Semelroth, Bev Daws, Don Gabel, Dick Larson, and Jerry Seifried.

Edie Wheeler welcomed Marie Chalhoub from Oscar’s Restaurant.

The History Committee interviewed Marie Chalhoub before the business meeting. Highlights of the interview include the following information:

* Marie Chalhoub and her husband George own Oscar’s Restaurant.
* Marie and George were married in Lebanon
* Marie and George have four daughters and two grandsons; daughter Christina works full-time at the restaurant.
* Marie’s Uncle Oscar opened Oscar’s Restaurant in March 1981, Marie and George bought the restaurant from Oscar in 1988 and opened it in Hiawatha 20 years ago.
* Marie started in the restaurant business washing dishes when she was 11 years old.
* They currently have 12-15 employees
* Marie say’s their philosophy is “It’s like home,” and has a small town atmosphere.
* Uncle Oscar comes back every once in a while to Cedar Rapids, he has four restaurants in Arizona called US Egg.

Don Gabel approved the agenda, seconded by Jerry Seifried. Motion carried. Dick Larson moved the approval of the August 11, 2014 meeting minutes, seconded by Don Gabel. Motion carried*.* Dick Larson moved the approval of the October 13, 2014 meeting minutes, seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried*.*

**Update on Interviews**

Don Gabel mentioned having someone from the oldest church to interview.

**Ideas for Hiawatha Insight Articles for December**

Edie announced the December History newsletter article would be the strange object for citizens to guess what it is. The article will also include a Happy Holidays message from the History Committee.

**Discussion about the December 8, 2014 meeting**

Edie asked the History Committee members if they wanted to meet in December, or cancel the December meeting and hold the next meeting on January 12, 2015, after the Holidays.

*Bev Daws moved to cancel the December 8, 2014 History Committee meeting due to the holidays, seconded by Dick Larson. Motion carried.*

**Other Discussion**

Edie mentioned that if anyone knew of any names of people who would want to join the History committee to write them down. The History Committee discussed possible members and named the following people as possible replacements Don Earll, Tom Patterson, Joe Moore, and Ken Owens.

Edie mentioned that she pulled the History Committee City Code chapter off the November 5, 2014 City Council Agenda so committee members could discuss it more. Bev Daws stated that she felt that the members should be residents of Hiawatha. At this time, the History Committee decided not to move forward with the changes to the ordinance to allow non-resident members.

Bev Daws moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m., seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.

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Edie Wheeler, Chair