

The Hiawatha History Commission met on October 8, 2018, 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: Chris Ask, Dick Larson and Marilyn James. Mary Beth Culbertson was absent. Guests: Merry Rooks and Cynthia Petersen.

Business:

Dick Larson moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Chris Ask. Motion carried. Marilyn James moved the approval of the August 13, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Chris Ask. Motion carried.

History Book Discussion with Cynthia Petersen

Cynthia Petersen gave an update on the history book and showed her progress on formatting the pictures and text. Cynthia said she plans to transfer the book from Word to Publisher because it is easier to work with. The group discussed including pictures of businesses then and now for the businesses that are still here. The book has fire chief tenures but the photos are missing.

History Book Discussion with Sheryl Chute

Sheryl Chute did not attend the meeting; Pat Semelroth will follow up.

Hiawatha Insight Articles

During the September meeting the History Commission put together a list of articles for the next six months. Photos and articles were sent to the deputy clerk.

Other Business Discussion

Pat Semelroth asked for input from other commission members on changing the ordinance to allow individuals from outside Hiawatha to serve on the commission. Pat said there was discussion on this matter in the past but the commission did not follow through on changing the ordinance at the time; with the difficulties in finding members, it might be a good idea to revisit this topic.

Pat Semelroth requested to add this item to the November agenda.

Pat Semelroth mentioned she would be out of town for the November 12 meeting and asked commission members if they wanted to change the date. Commission members made the decision to change the next meeting date to November 5.

Commission members held discussion on potential new members; Jackie Ayers-Berry and Melissa Dennison-Clapp were recommended.

Next meeting is November 5, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

Dick Larson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m., seconded by Marilyn James. Motion carried.

Pat Semelroth, Chair