



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

April Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Novi Library Local History

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 pm

ATTENDANCE: Kathy Crawford, Kim Nice, Dan Pierce, Debbie Wrobel, Kelly Kasper

ABSENT: Rachel Manela (Excused), Sharon Larson (Excused)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Betty Lang (Library Liaison), Sandy Fischer, Sue Grifor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: ALL APPROVED as amended

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES: APPROVED as amended

TREASURERS REPORT- Kim

NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2021/2022 Fiscal Year

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES Through April 20, 2022	
Display Cabinet Exhibit	\$ 900	\$	(105.56)
Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Name Badges	\$ 1,200	\$	(455.35)
Equipment/Supplies/Office/Upgrades/Repairs	\$ 1,200	\$	(28.62)
Program/Speaker Fees	\$ 900	\$	(550.00)
Storage Unit	\$ 2,500	\$	(2,431.00)
Acquisition (Books/Materials)	\$ 500	\$	(1,227.99)
Conference/Continuing Education	\$ 2,200	\$	(99.00)
Legal Fees	\$ 1,000	\$	-
Special Projects	\$ 3,600	\$	(1,020.62)
Examples: (Villa Barr, Photography, Veterans Sign, Oral Histories, City/Community Events, Motor City Marker)			
Total:	\$ 14,000	\$	(5,918.14) \$ 8,082
Equitable Projects		Expenditures	Revenue Received
Villa Barr Book Sales YTD			\$40.00 YTD
Wreaths Across Novi Project	\$ (1,856.84)		\$2,150.00 \$ 788.34 carryover funds

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT:

History Room Office Hours:

Monday, 5/2 (Noon – 2 p.m.) - Debbie Wrobel and Kim Nice

Monday, 5/16 (6-8 p.m.) – Kelly Kasper and Kim Nice

History Room Staffing:

Suggestion to review staffing for History Room office hours at May Historical Commission meeting. One idea is to schedule two people in case one person cannot make it last minute

Michigan In Perspectives Local History Conference: March 25-26th:

Betty attended the online conference and listened in on seminars about an African American woman trying to get into the Daughters of the American Revolution, Temple Beth El and Fred Hart Genealogical Society.

Northville Genealogical Society

The Northville Genealogical Society was in the Local History Room for the second-time helping guests with genealogical research. There were five attendees who reached out for support.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Document Donation Day:

Document Donation Day will take place Sunday, May 22 from 2 – 4 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Omeka (Grave Sites):

A Novi Historical Commission Omeka site has been established and needs to be populated. Dan Pierce shared a step-by-step process with the Commission and will present how to use the site and upload photos to it properly at May meeting. The Commission will need to settle on consistent meta data for each photo that is uploaded.

Novi Historical Sites Brochure:

Dan Pierce will develop a revised draft for the Novi Historical Sites Brochure and share it with the Commission for review at the May meeting. The Commission will also discuss color and font selections for the brochure.

Spring Palooza:

Will be held Friday, May 20. Motion to approve purchasing two \$25 gift certificates from Novi Bowl as give-aways.

Novi Historical Commission Resource Management Plan:

Jeff Muck Requesting the document be updated by Oct.

City Request:

Sharon Larson is working on facts/did you know pieces of information for use on City of Novi social channels and NextDoor app. Kathy Crawford is supporting.

Miniature Project:

Kathy Crawford will be creating a committee to help create miniatures of Novi's "Four Corners" area during the late 1800s/early 1900s to be used for educational purposes. The committee will include Kathy Crawford, Sharon Larson, Kim Nice, Debbie Wrobel and Sue Grifor. The committee will also engage Fox Run's wood shop for support.

Upcoming Historical Program:

April 27: The Walled Lake Amusement Park

May 25: The Chautauqua Movement

BACKBURNER PROJECTS:

- Veteran's Memorial for KIA – Kim
- Storage Unit
- Cemetery Sign Removal/Change
- Historic Sites Sign Style
- Cemetery upkeep

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Request from Sandy Fischer seeking help in identifying Novi veterans who were killed in action to recognize them in the Fuerst Field of Honor taking place May 25.

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURN: 8:49 p.m.