Call to Order 7:01pm
Attendance: Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, Tammy-Lee Knopp, John MacInnis, Kim Nice, Betty Lang, Sue Gifford
Approval of Agenda: Motion by Tammy-Lee, All in favor
Approval of Minutes-February, 2017: All in favor
Communications: None

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang
The commission has been asked by Brookdale living to give a talk about Novi/Walled Lake History. Contact information was given to Kathy Crawford, to potentially give the Walled Lake Amusement park presentation.

Walking tour of Woodmere Cemetery (Detroit) Saturday May 13th. and Saturday Sept. 9th
$32 with box lunch, handouts, tour and other “surprises”
Gail Hershenzon Could potentially give a talk for us at the library

HISTORY ROOM OFFICE HOURS
12-2 April 3: John MacInnis
6-8pm April 17th: Rachel Manela
12-2pm May 8th: Kathy Crawford
6-8pm May 22: Kim Nice

Local History Room Tour with Betty
E-mail Betty, telling her when the best day and time is for you to have a tour with Betty.
What do you want to know about the local history room, to help people?

When in the room, check the binder for commonly asked questions, and answers.

At the suggestion of Kathy, in the future when attending events, do a small write up of what the event was like, what you learned, who gave the talk/workshop, how we can use it or contact the person to do an event. Then, bring the write up to the next meeting to share with the commission.
Betty: Figure out a file system within the Local History Room to keep information about the speakers/events
History Conference  March 3 & 4-Sterling Heights (Kathy, Sue, Betty, Tammy-Lee)
A few potential future speakers
Dig Michigan, from CMU; historic newspaper database

2017 History Skills Workshops  “Keeping Cemeteries Alive” (Kathy & Sue 2/17)
Receipts, mileage, need to be turned in to Marcia.
Sue can turn in her receipts also as the commission’s volunteer “groupie”.

Elections
Nominations for Secretary: Tammy-Lee nominated Rae with a second by Kim.
Rae Accepted
Nomination for Chair Person: Kim nominated Kathy Crawford, second by Rae.
Kathy Crawford accepted

Communication with Cortney Hanson, City Clerk
Adding 2 additional members to the Historical Commission, and removing some of the stipulations for how the commission will function.

We need to find out if/when the display will be placed in the Pavilion

School Visit— Rae
The visit was successful. The teachers enjoyed having us in the classroom. The kids had fun, but since they were 2nd graders they were only mildly interested.

Wooden Nickels—Tammy-Lee
The wooden pieces are stuck in customs.
Tammy has turned in her request for reimbursement.

Message from Andre Audette Simpatico, from Ontario
Sent a picture of a tire cover with a promotional image of the Walled Lake Casino
Goals 2017
Kathy Crawford - a Cemetery Tour
Research some of the oldest headstones, look into the families, their contribution to the community.
Rae Manela – Speaker paperwork, event coordination
John MacInnis – Villa Barr, Correcting the Maps of historic homes in Novi
Kim Nice – Being the Commission’s liaison to the City (communications department) for developing interviews with local businesses about their time in Novi. (especially for the 50th anniversary celebrations)

Lacey Tool, Guernsey Ice Cream, Michigan CAT, Feed store, Heslip, Railroad
Tammy-Lee – Finishing creating a scavenger hunt for the Novi Cemetery, and one for the Knapp cemetery. Geared toward kids.
Finishing the Historical calendar, for the 50th anniversary. Each day will have a small blurb from the news from that day/year.
Future Goal: Developing “Friends of the Historical Commission” or “Friends of the Cemetery” or “Friends of Villa Barr”

We want to ensure we are kept in the loop with the city’s plans for the 50th Anniversary

As we move forward, continue to work towards that goal, and check in each month at the commission meeting with your progress.

Historical Commission Programs:

Detroit History Tours presents “Dames of Detroit  March 2
Was cancelled due to a funeral.
War Dog Memorial-Thursday, May 11, 2017
Discovering Michigan Counties, Barbara Vandermolen, Sept. 28 2018
French Festival, Genot Picor, Nov. 9, 2017

Cemetery Clean Up Saturday, June 10  9-11am
**Kim Nice** – When she was hosting Local History Room office hours, she had a man named Stephen Seiler who is writing a book about the history of Faygo. He is looking for us to say we are interested in having him come and talk about his book, for publishers.

He also had an uncle who drowned in Walled Lake, and is looking for a newspaper article(s) about the drowning.

**David Barr/Villa Barr**

**Book Sales**
The money from book sales is reinvested into buying more books to be printed.

John needs to buy the book.

**Villa Barr presentation**
We are paying Kathy Mutch for the research she has about David Barr and his property ($500).

**Annual Report to City Council**
Develop a PowerPoint about what we have accomplished in the past year, and what we plan for the future.

**John MacInnis** – Researching the fire Department, photos.

**Display Cabinet Downstairs  Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER**
Getting ready for the May event.
Sue can turn in her receipts

**Website updates, Facebook & Instagram**
Rae has pictures to send to Betty for the website.

**New Business/Other Business**
NONE

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, April 26th  7pm

**Adjourn:** 8:45pm