Call to Order 7:15pm
Members: Rachel Manela, Tammy-Lee Knopp, John MacInnis, Kim Nice, Betty Lang (Library Liaison)
Introductions of guests: Sue Grifor (Volunteer, Cabinet Manager)
Approval of Agenda: Approved, unanimous Motion by John, 2nd by Kim.
Approval of Minutes-December 2016 Approved
Approval of Minutes- January 2017 Approved
Communications
Request from Walled Lake to promote their historical speaker series on March 3rd.

HISTORY ROOM Hours Sign Up:
12-2 March 6 Tammy-Lee 6-8 March 20 Kim
12-2 April 3 John

Mileage and conference fees are approved to be eligible for reimbursement. Everyone who attended the conference need to fill out and submit a request for reimbursement.

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang

Upcoming Library/Friends Programs:
March Michigan Literary Luminaries, Anne Clarke
April: Thursday April, 27 Discovering Detroit: Mysteries and Surprises
May: Tuesday May 23rd, Highland Fling, Bagpipes

Previous Genealogy Program: 29 attendees, 2 presenters and 6 helpers.

History Conference March 3 & 4-Sterling Heights
(Kathy, Sue, Betty and Tammy-Lee are attending)
2017 History Skills Workshops “Keeping Cemeteries Alive” (Kathy & Sue 2/17 attended)
Sue told us about the event. Loretta Sandway, Memory Minders, maintaining headstones.
Spoke about a group in Lansing that developed to restore and maintain historic cemeteries.
Something to consider for our local historic cemeteries.
There was also someone who spoke about national registry of headstones.

For future reference, events like this if you attend for the commission are eligible for reimbursement.
Motor Sports hall of fame has moved from Novi to Florida
They came in looking for pictures of the Novi Special for a presentation/exhibit. Their official opening in Florida was Feb. 17th.

School Visit— Rae
Spoke to 4 second grade classes using ‘time travel’ to talk about the history of Novi from the first settlers in the 1800s to today.

Elections
Postponed since Kathy Crawford was absent

Wooden Nickels—Tammy-Lee
Using 4imprint to order about 2500 wooden nickels
Cost: $315 with part of the fee being a set up charge
Will be used at Spring into Novi and similar events

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Budget was voted on and approved in December.
Historical Commission Programs for Spring/Fall:

Detroit History Tours presents “Dames of Detroit” March 2, was subsequently canceled
War Dog Memorial-Thursday, May 11, 2017
Discovering Michigan Counties A-Z, Barbara Vandermolen Sept. 28
October
French Festival Nov. 9 Genot Picor

For future events we plan on ensuring there is a sign up sheet and evaluation forms for
events, to keep track of what people liked/didn’t liked etc.

Villa Barr

Book Sales
We ordered another 100 books
What happens to the money from the book sales?
   Where has the money gone and where is it going?
How many do we have left?

Villa Barr presentation
Kathy Mutch was not able to attend the January Meeting
Looking to March? For Kathy Mutch to represent the redone presentation

Display Cabinet Downstairs  Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER
Ideas for new displays?
March, women’s History Month Display
April/May War Dogs display

Website updates new Facebook link/Instagram
Need to reconfigure website to accommodate more photos
Instagram and Facebook are doing well.

Mistakes in the historic marker/place pamphlets
John noticed a potential mistake and will be looking into finding out about plot 16 and
confirming that the plot maps are correct
Goals 2017/City of Novi 50th Anniversary
The 50th Anniversary Project is in its very early stages
The city is looking for ideas
We want to make sure we are involved in the talks about plans

Plan for everyone on the commission to come to the March meeting with a goal for a project they want to do for 2017/2018, possibly connected to the city’s 50th anniversary. Hoping that everyone can develop their own project that they’re working on and will check in each month about its progress.

New Business/Other Business
Kim Nice and Rachel Manela need to get their picture taken for the Commission display at the Civic Center

In June we are looking to get 2 new members for the commission which will make our commission = 7 members

We all need to set up times to have a tour/instruction in how to use the Local History Room to better help people who come in.

NEXT MEETING: NOTE:; Wednesday, March 22 7pm

Adjourn: 8:20pm Motion by Tammy-Lee, 2nd by John MacInnis, All in favor.