



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

July Minutes
Wednesday, July 20, 2022
Novi Library Local History

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 pm

ATTENDANCE: Rachel Manela, Kathy Crawford, Dan Pierce, Debbie Wrobel, Kelly Kasper

ABSENT: Sharon Larson, Kim Nice

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: ALL APPROVED as amended

APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES: APPROVED as amended

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 FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2021/2022 Fiscal Year END

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES Through June 30, 2022
Display Cabinet Exhibit	\$ 900	\$ (192.83)
Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Name Badges	\$ 1,200	\$ (791.35)
Equipment/Supplies/Office/Upgrades/Repairs	\$ 1,200	\$ (28.62)
Program/Speaker Fees	\$ 900	\$ (750.00)
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	\$ (1,160.76)
Examples: (Villa Barr, Photography, Veterans Sign, Oral Histories, City/Community Events, Motor City Marker)		
Total:	\$ 14,000	\$ (6,681.55) \$ 7,318
Equitable Projects	Expenditures	Revenue Received
Villa Barr Book Sales YTD		\$40.00 YTD
Wreaths Across Novi Project	\$ (1,856.84)	\$2,150.00 \$ 798.34 carryover funds

Treasurer's Report: ALL APPROVED

Proposed Budget: ALL APPROVED

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT:

Communications Received:

- Michigan Historical Review – Spring 2022 (Vol. 48, No. 1)
- Michigan History Magazine – July/August 2022

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Omeka (Grave Sites) Presentation:

Dan Pierce walked the Novi Historical Commission through an overview on how the Commission will use the Omeka site to share the images collected from the Knapp and Novi Road Cemeteries. The demonstration resulted in discussion about what other collections can be posted on the site (like the Walled Lake Amusement Park for example).

Novi Historical Sites Brochure Review:

The Commission reviewed and provided edits to the revised Novi Historical Sites Brochure. For next steps, Dan will include the new locations selected for the brochure and share the latest version with the Commission at the August meeting for further discussion/approvals.

Novi Cemeteries Booklet:

Kelly Kasper volunteered to begin creating an electronic excel spreadsheet that provides information about those buried in the Knapp and Novi Rd. Cemeteries. This includes, name birthdate, year of death and the section the person is buried in. The excel spreadsheet will allow people to search for names quicker than scouring the Historical Commission cemetery binders.

Proposed 2022-2023 Historical Commission Speaker Series:

- Wed. Sept. 28th – Prohibition Reenactor
- Wed. Oct. 26th – History of Willow Run
- Wed. February 22nd – Detroit and the Underground Railroad
- Wed. March 23rd – Ladies of the Lights (lighthouse keepers)
- Wed. April 27th – The LGBTQ community in the Labor Movement
- Wed. May 26th – A Reenactor who portrays a disguised female Union soldier

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING – August 17, 2022 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURN: 8:48 p.m.