



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

August Minutes
Wednesday, August 20, 2024
Novi Library Local History

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Kim Nice, Kathy Crawford, Sharon Larson, Debbie Wrobel and Randy Van Wagnen

ABSENT: Kelly Kasper and Dan Pierce

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Rae Manela (Library Liaison) and Sue Grifor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APPROVED

APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES: APPROVED

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 FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2024/2025 Fiscal Year

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES Thru July 17, 2024	
Display Cabinet Exhibit	\$ 900.00	\$ -	
Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Name Badges	\$ 900.00	\$ -	
Equipment/Supplies/Office/Upgrades/Repairs	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	
Program/Speaker Fees	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	
Storage Unit	\$ 2,750.00	\$ (2,400.00)	
Acquisition (Books/Materials/Subscriptions)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
Conference/Continuing Education	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
Legal Fees	\$ 900.00	\$ -	
Special Project Items Betty Lang Internships Oral Histories City/Community Event Photography	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	
TOTAL:	\$ 23,850.00	\$ (2,400.00)	\$ 21,450.00
Equitable Projects Villa Barr Book Sales YTD Wreaths Across Novi Project	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Revenue Rec'd</u>	

Treasurer's Report: APPROVED – No changes from the previous month.

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT:

History Room Office Hours:

Mon., Sept. 16 (6 – 8p.m.): Kelly Kasper

Mon., Oct. 7 (12 – 2p.m.): Kim Nice, Kathy Crawford and Sharon Larson

Mon., Oct. 21(6 – 8p.m.): Randy Van Wagnen and Kim Nice

Document Donation Day: The Commission will host another Document Donation Day on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 1-3 p.m. Rae is asking for Commissioners to help staff the event.

Beginning Genealogy Seminar: The Novi Public Library will be hosting a genealogy seminar for beginners on Oct. 19 from 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

2024-2025 Speaker Series: The upcoming 2024-2025 speakers series presentations are:

- September 26 – Guardians of Michigan
- October 22 – Michigan Haunts
- November 21 – Great Lakes Storms of the Century

New Library Intern: Rae will have a new library intern starting in September.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Fox Run History Club Speaking Event: Kathy Crawford and Kim Nice participated in a presentation on the history of Novi and Walled Lake Amusement Park to the Fox Run History Club on Tuesday, August 20 at 1 p.m. The presentation was well received. The presentation can be used again moving forward, but some of the images need some scaling support.

Northville Genealogy Society: The Northville Genealogical Society is moving their “office hours” in the Local History Room to the last Monday of each month.

Richmond Simmons Home: The Commission had a lively discussion about the home, its historical significance and any plans to recognize it. The Commission is interested in potentially asking the city for a city historical marker. The house is not currently a registered.

Senior Day at the Library: The Novi Public Library is hosting Senior Day at the Library on Monday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Commission was asked to have the Local History Room open and staffed.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

Wreaths Across Novi: The Novi Historical Commission is looking at hosting the 6th annual Wreaths Across Novi ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 16. A sublimation magnet is being considered as a thank you for sponsors.

Storage Unit Visit: Members of the Commission visited the storage unit to review items and clean it up a bit. Great progress was made, and a possible spring visit is being considered.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURN: 8:33 p.m.