



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

January Minutes
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
Novi Library Board Room

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Kim Nice, Sharon Larson, Debbie Wrobel, Kelly Kasper, Dan Pierce, Kathy Crawford, Randy Van Waggen

ABSENT:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA w/ Amendments: APPROVED

APPROVAL OF December MINUTES: APPROVED

NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2024/2025 Fiscal Year				
	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES Thru January 15, 2025		
Display Cabinet Exhibit	\$ 500.00	\$ (302.37)		
Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Name Badges	\$ 900.00	\$ (104.93)		
Equipment/Supplies/Office/Upgrades/Repairs	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (6,998.72)		
Program/Speaker Fees	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (884.18)		
Storage Unit	\$ 2,750.00	\$ (2,400.00)		
Acquisition (Books/Materials/Subscriptions)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (50.00)		
Conference/Continuing Education	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -		
Legal Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ -		
Special Project Items				
Betty Lang Internships		\$ -		
Oral Histories		\$ -		
City/Community Events		\$ (53.70)		
Photography		\$ -		
Special Project Totals	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (53.70)		
TOTAL:	\$ 23,850.00	\$ (10,793.90)	\$ 13,056.10	
Equitable Projects		Expenses	Sales / Contributions	
Villa Barr Book Sales YTD				
Wreaths Across Novi Project	\$ 2,070.84	\$ 1,825.00		

Treasurer's Report: APPROVED – Expenses last month were for half the payment for the new scanner and items for the display case.

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT:

New Microfilm Reader: Rae is hoping to set up a training with the company early in the new year. Until the training is done, the machine not available for public use.

Upcoming Betty Lang Internship Selection: Rae has interviewed and selected a possible intern. Rae is waiting to hear back from the candidate if he/she accepted the position. A total of five interviews were conducted.

Yearbooks: Rae is looking to donate some of the duplicate Novi High School yearbooks that the Novi Public Library has to the Library of Michigan. The Library of Michigan is trying to collect two yearbooks from every year from every high school in Michigan.

History Room Office Hours:

Monday, February 3 (10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.): Debbie Wrobel and Sharon Larson

Monday, February 17 (6 – 8 p.m.): Kim Nice and Kathy Crawford

Monday, March 3 (10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.): Randy Van Wagnen and Debbie Wrobel

Monday, March 17 (6 – 8 p.m.): Kelly Kasper and Kim Nice

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Elections: The Historical Commission voted to table January elections to February to allow newly re-appointed commission members to get sworn in and vote in the election.

DYK Project: Sharon and Daniel met with Rae to discuss the did you know project that will help provide new content (historical facts) about the City's history on the Novi Historical Commission's Facebook page in hopes of growing engagement and followers. The updated content should start in January or early February.

Novi Public Library 65th Anniversary: Rae and Kim attended a kickoff meeting for the Novi Public Library 65th anniversary celebration starting this summer. The Commission is considering supporting the celebration by having a table at the event and staffing the Local History room. The celebration will take place on Oct. 26 1 – 5 p.m.

Michigan in Perspectives History Conference: The annual history conference will take place March 28-29 at Oakland University. Registration is open. Historical Commission members are encouraged to attend as many of the presentations as possible.

Miniature Project: Progress continues to be made on the miniature project. A group of Commissioners will meet on January 24 from Noon – 2 p.m. in the Youth Activity Room.

Program/Speaker Series for 2025: Kim and Sharon have reached out to several different speakers to see if they would be available for the May 22 speaker series slot and others. The Commission is also considering a presentation on the old Novi general store in Oct.

By-Laws: The Historical Commission is supposed to review the Commission by laws every two years. The By-laws will be reviewed and voted on in 2025. Kim will send the bylaws to every commissioner and will ask for a vote in February.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

Villa Barr Books: The Novi Public Library has Villa Barr books for sale and a flyer continues to be posted inside the library letting people know.

Display Case: The new display case is highlighting the upcoming speakers series presentation on Lincoln. The next display will be on Belle Isle.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

NEXT MEETING: February 19, 2025 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURN: 8:42 p.m.