



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Novi Library Local History

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 pm

ATTENDANCE: Kim Nice, Debbie Wrobel, Sharon Larson, Kathy Crawford, Dan Pierce, Kelly Kasper, Rae Manela

ABSENT: None

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Sue Grifor, Jillian Cole

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APPROVED w/ amendment

APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES: APPROVED

TREASURER’S REPORT- Kim

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2023/2024 Fiscal Year

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES Through September 20, 2023	
Display Cabinet Exhibit	\$ 500	\$ -	
Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Name Badges	\$ 900	\$ -	
Equipment/Supplies/Office/Upgrades/Repairs	\$ 9,000	\$ (17.59)	
Program/Speaker Fees	\$ 1,200	\$ -	
Storage Unit	\$ 2,900	\$ (2,652.00)	
Acquisition (Books/Materials)	\$ 1,500	\$ (1,200.00)	
Conference/Continuing Education	\$ 1,200	\$ -	
Legal Fees	\$ 500	\$ -	
Special Projects Examples: Villa Barr, Photography, Veterans Sign, Oral Histories, City/Community Events, Motor City Marker)	\$ 4,000	\$ (205.62)	
Total:	\$ 21,700	\$ (4,075.21)	\$ 17,625
Equitable Projects	Expenditures	Revenue Received	
Villa Barr Book Sales YTD		\$0.00 YTD	
Wreaths Across Novi Project			\$ 897.38 carryover funds

Treasurer’s Report: ALL APPROVED

EXPENSES: There were some small expenditures for a monitor stand and office supplies.

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT:

Oakland County Historical Research (OCHR) Alternative: Betty Lang created a list of possible alternatives for the Novi Historical Commission to use for digitizing newspapers. Betty will provide the list to Dan Pierce to narrow down the list to three for the Historical Commission to review.

History Room Office Hours:

Monday, 10/2 (Noon – 2 p.m.): Kim Nice and Sharon Larson

Monday, 10/16 (6 – 8 p.m.): Kelly Kasper

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Changing Office Hours Days/Times: No office hour changes will be made for the 2024 year.

Senior Day: Library Senior Day will take place on Monday, Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Kathy Crawford, Kim Nice and Sharon Larson will staff.

DATA Input Intern – Amie Fuentes was selected as the intern helping support the cemetery data entry to the Historical Commission’s Omeka site. Amie will be providing us with updates throughout the year and will plan on presenting to the Commission in February.

Miniature Project: The project continues to move along. Another meeting will be held on Oct. 4th from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Novi Historical Commission Local History Room.

2023 – 2024 History Speakers Series: There are five events scheduled for 2023-2024 CY year:

- Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 – A City Called Midnight
- Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023 – One Room School House
- Thursday, March 21, 2024 – Women of Michigan’s Capitol
- Thursday, April 18, 2024 – History of Detroit Coney Island
- Thursday, May 16, 2024 – Survivors, Victims & Legacies

ONGOING PROJECTS:

Wreaths Across Novi: The Commission approved the purchase of 60 flag holders to be placed in front of the tombstones of veterans buried inside the two Novi cemeteries. The flag holders will be in place ahead of the Wreaths Across Novi ceremony. Kelly Kasper shared prototypes of the wooden ornaments that will be given to attendees to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the event. Sponsorship letters have been sent out to companies around Novi. Kelly will also create a program so people are aware of the order and process of the event.

Wisdom Exchange: Some Commission members and guest Sue Grifor are being contacted by Novi students to share knowledge and the history of the area. The students are looking to set up meetings with the Novi seniors.

Novi Bus Tour: Kathy Crawford reached out to Novi Transportation about using a bus to use for a city tour with Walton Woods residents. Novi Transportation would like more information on the tour route. Kathy has created a tour route that would be about 2.5 hours. Kathy offered up Oct. 19th or 20th as tour dates.

Display Case: Kim Nice and Sue Grifor will update the display case with a theme that will match the upcoming one-room school house speaker session.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

NEXT MEETING: Oct. 18, 2023, at 7 p.m.

ADJOURN: 8:28 p.m.