



## NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

**DECEMBER Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 21, 2022**  
**Novi Library Local History**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:01 pm

**ATTENDANCE:** Rachel Manela, Dan Pierce, Debbie Wrobel, Sharon Larson, Kim Nice

**ABSENT:** Kathy Crawford (excused), Kelly Kasper (excused)

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** APPROVED w/ amendment to the dates

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER:** APPROVED

### TREASURER’S REPORT- Kim

NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2022/2023			
	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES Through December 21, 2022	
Display Cabinet Exhibit	\$ 900	\$ (81.80)	
Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Name Badges	\$ 1,100	\$ -	
Equipment/Supplies/Office/Upgrades/Repairs	\$ 1,200	\$ (42.78)	
Program/Speaker Fees	\$ 900	\$ (350.00)	
Storage Unit	\$ 2,800	\$ (2,652.00)	
Acquisition (Books/Materials)	\$ 500	\$ -	
Conference/Continuing Education	\$ 2,000	\$ (50.00)	
Legal Fees	\$ 1,000	\$ -	
Special Projects Examples: Villa Barr, Photography, Veterans Sign, Oral Histories, City/Community Events, Motor City Marker)	\$ 3,600	\$ -	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 14,000</b>	<b>\$ (3,176.58)</b>	<b>\$ 10,823</b>
<b>Equitable Projects</b>	Expenditures	Revenue Received	
Villa Barr Book Sales YTD		\$ 0.00	YTD
Wreaths Across Novi Project	\$ 2,050.96	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 897.38 carryover funds

Treasurer’s Report: ALL APPROVED

**BUDGET 2023:** Treasurer Kim Nice presented a proposed FY 2023 budget breakdown for the Historical Commission. After discussion and feedback, the Commission APPROVED the proposed budget, sending it to the City for consideration.

### LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT:

#### Donation:

A copy of “An Updated Bassett Family History” was donated by Kay Pratt to the Novi Historical Commission/History Room.

#### History Room Equipment Update:

The Library IT Department is working on the acquisition of the previously approved computer and printer. The items could be purchased and installed in January.

#### History Room Office Hours:

Monday, 1/2 (Noon – 2 p.m.): Sharon Larson

Monday, 1/16 (6-8 p.m.): Kim Nice and Sue Grifor

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **Wreaths Across Novi:**

The Historical Commission had another successful event despite the cold weather. Thank you to all those who attended and for the support of volunteers including a local Girl Scouts troop. There are plans to do a 5<sup>th</sup> year next year that could include a representative from the police department playing Taps. Also looking at opportunities to strengthen sponsor recognition.

### **Grant Opportunity:**

Kelly Kasper found an opportunity for a grant with the Michigan Historical Society to help support the Wreaths Across Novi event. The grant amount was for \$1,000.

### **Novi Historical Sites Brochure Review:**

The City of Novi graphic designer is working on laying out the revised copy of the Novi Historical Sites brochure for a possible review at the January meeting.

### **Michigan in Perspective Conference:**

The Michigan Historical Commission's "Michigan in Perspective" conference takes place March 24-25 at the Suburban Showcase in Novi, MI. Commissioners are being asked to plan on attending if possible. Anyone who attends can apply for reimbursement from the Commission after showing proof of attendance.

### **Upcoming Historical Programs:**

- Wed., February 22 – Midnight: Detroit and the Underground Railroad
- Thurs., March 23 – Ladies of the Lights (lighthouse keepers)
- Wed., April 26 – The LGBTQ community in the Labor Movement
- Wed., May 24 – A Reenactor who portrays a disguised female Union soldier

### **ONGOING PROJECTS:**

- **Omeka Site** – Rachel is working on finding a Wayne State University's Humanities Clinic student to help with the project as part of a Spring/Summer project.
- **Veteran's Memorial for KIA** – Kim has passed along all necessary info to the city. If there is any additional information needed, the city will reach out.
- **Storage Unit Update** – A storage unit update will be provided at the January meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Please bring any new ideas to the Commission first for consideration and implementation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023 at 7 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** 8:08 p.m.