



## NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

**MARCH Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**  
**Novi Library Local History**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:02 pm

**ATTENDANCE:** Rachel Manela, Kim Nice, Debbie Wrobel, Sharon Larson, Kathy Crawford, Kelly Kasper

**ABSENT:** Dan Pierce

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** APPROVED

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES:** APPROVED

### TREASURER’S REPORT- Kim

NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2022/2023

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	
		Through March 15, 2023	
Display Cabinet Exhibit	\$ 900	\$ (176.99)	
Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Name Badges	\$ 1,100	\$ -	
Equipment/Supplies/Office/Upgrades/Repairs	\$ 1,200	\$ (454.24)	
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	\$ (350.00)	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 14,000</b>	<b>\$ (4,033.23)</b>	<b>\$ 9,967</b>
<b>Equitable Projects</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Revenue Received</b>	
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

### IT REPORT:

Bryan Carter from Library IT reviewed log on information for the new computer. The review included an overview of the folders on the computer, shared network and instructions on how to use the printer and scanner. Bryan was working on fixing the issue with the printer and scanner connecting to the network. Kim requested that Bryan create an invoice for the computer he built for the History Room.

### LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT:

**Book Donation:** Kathy Munch donated a book on the first Historical Commission. The first meeting took place on Oct. 20, 1983. Officers were elected.

**Knapp Cemetery Clean-up:** Mike Aldrich reached out to Betty and Kathy Mutch about a long-ago cleanup project for the cemetery. Betty read the letter along with the response from Kathy Mutch in the meeting. Mike was following up not knowing about the current restoration and maintenance program for the cemetery. No action required at this time.

**Document Donation Days:**

Sunday, May 21 (2-4 p.m.)

Sunday, Oct. 22 (2-4 p.m.)

**Local History Room Table Repairs:** The library will get back to the Commission on who can perform repairs on the History Room's tables.

**History Room Office Hours:**

Monday, 3/20 (6 – 8 p.m.): Kim Nice and Debbie Wrobel

Monday, 4/3 (Noon – 2 p.m.): Kathy Crawford and Sharon Larson

Monday, 4/17 (6 – 8 p.m.): Kelly Kasper

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Donations:** Kathy Crawford received a donation from Dr. Atchison re: his practice. The book will be recorded as a donation and placed in the Local History Room. The Historical Commission also received a book donation from a woman named Snow about Matt Moren's General Store.

**Novi Historical Sites Brochure Review:** Still waiting on the City of Novi design team to provide the updates/revisions to the latest version of the brochure. Dan will follow up with the City in early April.

**Michigan in Perspective Conference:** A reminder to Commissioners that 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 attend if possible.

**Grant Update:** The Historical Commission did not receive a grant from the Michigan Historical Society for the cemetery.

**Spring-Palooza:** The theme is amusement parks. Kim and Debbie will manage. The event takes place on Friday, May 19.

**Novi Woods Elementary 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The principal of the school reached out to the Novi Historical Commission. There is a kickoff meeting for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Novi Woods on Thursday, May 11 at 4:15 p.m. Kelly Kasper and Kathy Crawford will attend.

**USO Show Update:** Historical Commission members to help organize the event which was moved to summer. Kim & Sue have been asked to do an additional display case to advertise the event.

**Display Case:** Ken Stevens will use the display case from June 12 – Aug. 14 to display David Barr artifacts.

**Upcoming Historical Programs:**

- Thurs., March 23 – Ladies of the Lights (lighthouse keepers)
- Wed., April 26 – The LGBTQ community in the Labor Movement
- Wed., May 24 – Female Union Soldier in Disguise

**ONGOING PROJECTS:**

**Miniature Project** – Kathy is planning an April meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** April 19, 2023 at 7 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** 8:24 p.m.