

Novi Historical Commission (Minutes)
November 23, 2011, 1:00 PM - Novi Library, Local History Room

Call to Order: The Novi Historical Commission was called to order at 1:05 pm.

Attendees: Roy Prentice, chair, members: Lynne Boyle, John MacInnis, & Sandy McCarthy

Agenda: Lynne Boyle moved to accept Agenda, sec. Sandy McCarthy., all approved, Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Lynne Boyle., sec. by Sandy McCarthy to approve the minutes of October 26th, 2011 meeting, all in favor - the Motion passed

Financial Report: Budget sheet was passed out from the Finance City of Novi, is \$13,500, we have approx. \$9336.64 remaining in the budget. Anticipated expenses are \$4500. for the Heritage Fest., \$500. for speakers, leaving approx \$4300. for the 2011/12 fiscal year.

Liaison Report: Betty Lang returned to report schedule of Meeting for 2012, she handed out flyers for the upcoming talks. Reminded us that we need to schedule room availability in addition to the speakers availability. Margie asked about purchasing books by David Barr for the LH room. Betty would like to engage a consultant to assess the local history room and make recommendations to improve its usability. Betty will contact a professional from either Burton, Abrams, or Henry Ford to assess the Local History Room for its strength and weaknesses. If there is a charge, will the Novi Historical Commission be willing to pay for it? There was general agreement that the Commission would be willing to fund a consultant if Betty thought that this would make the local history room more useful.

The LH Room page on the Library website is going to be fully updated soon. We need pictures for the website, esp. pictures of the Obelisk. It was indicated that there are pictures on the City site already. Novi News will be fully digitized thru 2011 soon. Betty also indicated that there is a need to have a locked wooden door on at least one of the display cabinets

UPDATES AND DISCUSSION: Discussion Objectives for Remain of 2011/12: There was discussion about the budget available for the balance of the year. We need more historical pictures, and we need more Historical Speakers. One suggestion is to tap into Farm Hills experience in this area. It was generally felt that engaging the Michigan Fifth Regimental Band was not desirable for the upcoming Heritage Festival. There was a discussion of setting up a separate Michigan Fifth concert, perhaps at the Novi Town Hall. There was also a general discussion of whether the Commission wanted to pursue other special events on the Civil War?

Discussion on Improving the LH Room displays: There was a suggestion for improvements to the local history room including secure doors on the cabinets and a discussion on obtaining David Barr materials for the library.

Speaker series: We reviewed the upcoming talks January and March and the recent talk by Roy Prentice, we need to distribute the flyers for the upcoming talks.

No other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM, the meeting was early due to the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be Jan. 25, 2012

Respectfully Submitted, John MacInnis, Member