Novi Historical Commission
Wednesday, December 22, 2016  7pm
Novi Library History Room

Call to Order: 7pm
Introduction of Guests: Kathy Crawford, Rae Manela, Tammy-Lee Knopp, John MacInnis, Betty Lang, Sue Grifor, Kim Nice,
Approval of Agenda: Approved, All in Favor
Approval of Minutes-October 2016:
Communications: None

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang:
March 3-4th Local History Conference in Sterling Heights

History Room Office Hours: Jan. 2nd 12-2pm: Tammy-Lee and Rae
Jan 16th 6-8pm: Kim Nice
Feb. 6th 12-2pm: Kathy Crawford
Feb. 20th 6-8pm: John MacInnis

Upcoming Library/Friends Programs:
Wedding at the Library (June 24th)
Request from the Deerfield Elementary to Present to four 2nd Grade classes, Rae will be giving this Presentation

Walled Lake Presentation at Novi Rotary Oct. 27th
It went really well, someone approached Kathy about doing the presentation at someone’s company

Ordinance Review
Kathy talked to Courtney Hanson about this and told her we need to revise the ordinance to take certain people out and expand the number on the commission. Kathy is going to present our case at the next Ordinance Review committee meeting.

Villa Barr
Book Sales: 50 Books sold
More books have been ordered, 100 books
Presentation: We want to change the presentation to be broader and more encompassing about David Barr as the World Renowned Artist/Author/Craftsman who lived in Novi. Kathy Crawford and Julie Farkas met with Kathy Mutch and she will deliver another presentation at the January meeting. We are hoping for a presentation that can be given by anyone, but she will still be credited and compensated for her research.
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Novi Cemeteries
Grave Documentation/Eagle Scout Sign at Knapp
Chris Jacket from Novi Parks and Rec, feedback requested about a sign. Kathy approved the new sign, to match the style of the sign at the Novi Cemetery
Volunteers from Fox Run want to do a volunteer project with the cemeteries

Novi Parks Foundation Needs/wants list
Possibilities: getting the land next to the Novi Cemetery?
Refurbishing the Podium?

Historical Commission Programs
Detroit History Tours: Dames of Detroit, March 2nd
No Fee
War Dogs Memorial—Thursday May 11th
We need a description of the presentation and the spelling of the presenters name

2017/2018 Events
September 28th 2017 Barbra Vandermolen A-z Guide of Michigan
Confirmed (Still need paperwork) Cost $170
October 19th 2017 Ari Berk ? Myths & Legends
Not yet confirmed
November 2017 Genot Picour French Festival
Confirmed and Paperwork in Cost $150
February 2018 Lois Keel Underground Railroad
Confirmed, Paperwork coming
March 2018
April 26th 2017 Detroit Historical Society Detroit
Confirmed but need paperwork
Cost: $150
War of 1812: Boarder Crossings
Confirmed but need paperwork
Cost $100
Rachel will ask for approval of funds 2 months in advance

Display Cabinet, Sue Grifor

Storage Unit
We need to ensure we have a catalogue of what is in the storage unit
The Podium needs some work
Meeting Calendar for 2017
2017/2018 Calendar of Meetings
at 7pm in Local History Room
Jan. 25th
Feb. 22
March 22
April 26th
May 24th
June 28th
July 26th
Aug. 23rd
Sept. 27
October 25th
Tuesday Nov. 21st
December: NO MEETING

Elections at January meeting
Electing Secretary and a Chair Person
Rae is willing to remain Secretary

Budget
Same budget as last year
Display Cabinet: $800
Marketing/Engage $800
Equipment/Supplies: $500
Programs/Speakers: $1,000
Storage Unit $2000
Acquisition/Books for Local History Room: $400
Conference/Continuing Ed: $1000
Special Projects $8,000
  Villa Barr
  Photography of Hist. Sites
  Veteran ID (Signs)

Total: 14,500
Approval of Budget: All in Favor
Needs to be given to Julie Farkas

Petty Cash: If you need Money for a program, go to Masha in Library office, on day of event if you buy refreshments or something,

Wooden Nickels:
Tammy-Lee will order wooden nickels, needs to submit her receipt after she orders them, but she is approved to order them. Order around 500-1000 nickels
MI Humanities Grant
Rae wanted everyone to know that we are a type of organization that can apply for and receive a grant for a project. We may want to bring in a Michigan Humanities Council presenter to speak to us and perhaps the Friends of the Library to talk about how/why to apply for a grant. Something to consider: A Special event for the 50th Anniversary of the city of Novi (2019) Perhaps a story tellers weekend?
We may want to pick a meeting to invite the MHC employee to talk to us (and maybe the Friends of the Library) about how to write a grant
Key 1st step: What do we want to do?
  Something with lasting impact?
  Focus on the 50th Anniversary?
  Creating an App?
    Novi Then and Now?
  Oral History Project?
Tammy-Lee will call Sheryl at the City of Novi to coordinate

Website/Facebook/Instagram Nothing New

New/Other Business John brought in 2 aerial photos

Adjourn: 8:30pm

NEXT MEETING: 7pm January 25th