Call to Order: 7:03pm
Introductions of guests: Sue Griffor

Commission Member Attendance: Kathy Crawford, Rachel Manela, Kim Nice, Tammy-Lee Knopp, Dhara Sanghavi

Approval of Agenda: ALL APPROVED
Approval of Minutes- March, 2018: ALL APPROVED

Treasurer’s report –Kim
July 1st through June 30th
Approval of Expenditures:
Tammy-Lee: $78.00
Tom’s Table covers: $384.38
Kim Nice: $35.00
ALL APPROVED

Communications: None

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang
Suggestions about programming:
Michigan Music, More Reenactors

Local History Room Office Hours:
May 7, 12-2: Tom and Rae
June 4, 12-2: Rae
May 21, 6-8pm: Dhara
June 18, 6-8pm: Kim
July and August by Appointment only

New member vacancy…Milan resigned
New Member: Kelly Kasper

Discussion items:
Spring Palooza Friday, May 18, 6-8:30 Set up by 5pm (Game?)
Guernsey Gift baskets for best top two guesses of the wooden nickels
Table cover for display table
Looks great! Thanks Tom!
Display for events
Dhara and Rae will meet in early May to develop the display board

City of Novi 50th year celebration (videos)
Kim: Interviewed Greg McGuire from Guernsey’s Farm Dairy
Kim is finding more business that have been in Novi for 50 years

**Villa Barr presentation:**
Villa Barr foundation will be paving the parking lot
They are advertising for an artist in residence program
Kathy Crawford and Julie Farkas will be developing a program that can go out to other libraries and communities
Create a packaged program with a script so anyone can do the presentation
Fall of 2019, presentation at the Library

**City Council request regarding Veteran Memorial**

**Presentation to the Library Board: Thurs. May 24**
Kathy will be giving a presentation about what the commission has been working on.

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROGRAMS: please put on your calendar**

Re-cap: Thursday, March 29 7pm “Petticoat Patriots”
Went well. About 30 people attended

Thursday April 26 7pm “Detroit and the War of 1812: Border Crossings”

**NEW Programs for September and October**
Wendy Evans: Sept. 27th ($200) American Art
Joe Grimm: October 25th ($75) Faygo

**DISPLAY CABINET DOWNSTAIRS**
Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER
Detroit Tigers

**NEW BUSINESS/Other Business**

**Business cards for the Commission**
On one side, it would have the city of Novi Historical Commission logo name, Library Address, list our social media
On the back, it would have blank lines for us to give our name/email/phone number

**Tammy-Lee’s Proposal: Consider Sponsoring a Local version of History Day**
In conjunction with the Historical Society of Michigan
5th-12th grade
3 students per school per division could go to the State of Michigan competition
Local History Day in Novi, get students to submit historical works either in multiple categories or defining one category for students to compete in.
We would need cooperation from the schools
If we had a competition we would have it on the same theme as the regional/state competition.
We would use the same guidelines.
We would need volunteers to help with research, judging etc.
We would need help and cooperation from teachers in the community.
Betty Lang: Hosting something like this is not unusual, other historical societies are doing similar.
If we had it themed around the city, would the city help?
How much time would it take?
Can we get cooperation from the teachers/schools?
Would we need to be ‘certified’ to be judges? No.
Do we have the time and resources to do this?
Betty Lang: Hosting something like this is not unusual, other historical societies are working more closely with the schools.
We need to decide a smaller class group to work with for this first time.

WEBSITE UPDATES  new Facebook link/Instagram

Change of meeting day in 2019 (Third Weds. Each month)

NEXT MEETING: NOTE:  WEDNESDAY, May 23, 7pm

Adjourn