



# NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 7pm  
Novi Library History Room

## **Call to Order 7:15pm**

**Members:** Rachel Manela, Tammy-Lee Knopp, John MacInnis, Kim Nice, Betty Lang (Library Liaison)

**Introductions of guests:** Sue Grifor (Volunteer, Cabinet Manager)

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved, unanimous Motion by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim.

**Approval of Minutes-December 2016** Approved

**Approval of Minutes- January 2017** Approved

## **Communications**

Request from Walled Lake to promote their historical speaker series on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **HISTORY ROOM Hours Sign Up:**

12-2 March 6 Tammy-Lee 6-8 March 20 Kim

12-2 April 3 John

**Mileage and conference fees are approved to be eligible for reimbursement. Everyone who attended the conference need to fill out and submit a request for reimbursement.**

## **Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang**

### **Upcoming Library/Friends Programs:**

**March** Michigan Literary Luminaries, Anne Clarke

**April:** Thursday April, 27 Discovering Detroit: Mysteries and Surprises

**May:** Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Highland Fling, Bagpipes

**Previous Genealogy Program:** 29 attendees, 2 presenters and 6 helpers.

### **History Conference March 3 & 4-Sterling Heights**

(Kathy, Sue, Betty and Tammy-Lee are attending)

**2017 History Skills Workshops** "Keeping Cemeteries Alive" ( Kathy & Sue 2/17 attended)

Sue told us about the event. Loretta Sandway, Memory Minders, maintaining headstones.

Spoke about a group in Lansing that developed to restore and maintain historic cemeteries.

Something to consider for our local historic cemeteries.

There was also someone who spoke about national registry of headstones.

For future reference, events like this if you attend for the commission are eligible for reimbursement.



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## Motor Sports hall of fame has moved from Novi to Florida

They came in looking for pictures of the Novi Special for a presentation/exhibit. Their official opening in Florida was Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.

## School Visit— Rae

Spoke to 4 second grade classes using ‘time travel’ to talk about the history of Novi from the first settlers in the 1800s to today.

## Elections

Postponed since Kathy Crawford was absent

## Wooden Nickels—Tammy-Lee

Using 4imprint to order about 2500 wooden nickels  
Cost: \$315 with part of the fee being a set up charge  
Will be used at Spring into Novi and similar events

## Budget 2017/2018

Display Cabinet	<b>\$800</b>
Marketing	<b>\$800</b>
Equipment/Supplies	<b>\$500</b>
Programs/Speaker Fees	<b>\$1,000</b>
Storage Unit	<b>\$2,500</b>
Acquisition	<b>\$400</b>
Conference/Continuing Ed	<b>\$1,500</b>
Special Projects -Villa Barr -Photography -Veteran’s Sign -Oral Histories Etc.	<b>\$6,500</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>

**Budget was voted on and approved in December.**



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## Historical Commission Programs for Spring/Fall:

Detroit History Tours presents “Dames of Detroit March 2, was subsequently canceled  
War Dog Memorial-Thursday, May 11, 2017

Discovering Michigan Counties A-Z, Barbara Vandermolen Sept. 28  
October

French Festival Nov. 9 Genot Picor

For future events we plan on ensuring there is a sign up sheet and evaluation forms for events, to keep track of what people liked/didn't liked etc.

## Villa Barr

### **Book Sales**

We ordered another 100 books

What happens to the money from the book sales?

Where has the money gone and where is it going?

How many do we have left?

### **Villa Barr presentation**

Kathy Mutch was not able to attend the January Meeting

Looking to March? For Kathy Mutch to represent the redone presentation

## **Display Cabinet Downstairs Volunteer Sue Grifor, Cabinet MANAGER**

### **Ideas for new displays?**

March, women's History Month Display

April/May War Dogs display

## **Website updates new Facebook link/Instagram**

Need to reconfigure website to accommodate more photos

Instagram and Facebook are doing well.

## **Mistakes in the historic marker/place pamphlets**

John noticed a potential mistake and will be looking into finding out about plot 16 and confirming that the plot maps are correct



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## **Goals 2017/City of Novi 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project is in its very early stages

The city is looking for ideas

We want to make sure we are involved in the talks about plans

Plan for everyone on the commission to come to the March meeting with a goal for a project they want to do for 2017/2018, possibly connected to the city's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Hoping that everyone can develop their own project that they're working on and will check in each month about its progress.

## **New Business/Other Business**

Kim Nice and Rachel Manela need to get their picture taken for the Commission display at the Civic Center

In June we are looking to get 2 new members for the commission which will make our commission = 7 members

We all need to set up times to have a tour/instruction in how to use the Local History Room to better help people who come in.

**NEXT MEETING: NOTE:, Wednesday, March 22 7pm**

**Adjourn: 8:20pm Motion by Tammy-Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John MacInnis, All in favor.**