



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER Minutes
Wednesday, October 18, 2023
Novi Library Local History

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 pm

ATTENDANCE: Kim Nice, Sharon Larson, Kathy Crawford, Dan Pierce, Kelly Kasper,

ABSENT: Rae Manela and Debbie Wrobel

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Sue Grifor, Betty Lang

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APPROVED w/ amendments

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES: APPROVED w/ amendment

TREASURER’S REPORT- Kim

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 FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2023/2024 Fiscal Year

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES Through October 18, 2023
Display Cabinet Exhibit	\$ 500	\$ -
Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Name Badges	\$ 900	\$ -
Equipment/Supplies/Office/Upgrades/Repairs	\$ 9,000	\$ (17.59)
Program/Speaker Fees	\$ 1,200	\$ -
Storage Unit	\$ 2,900	\$ (2,652.00)
Acquisition (Books/Materials)	\$ 1,500	\$ (1,200.00)
Conference/Continuing Education	\$ 1,200	\$ -
Legal Fees	\$ 500	\$ -
Special Projects Examples: Villa Barr, Photography, Veterans Sign, Oral Histories, City/Community Events, Motor City Marker)	\$ 4,000	\$ (2,605.62)
Total:	\$ 21,700	\$ (6,475.21) \$ 15,225
Equitable Projects	Expenditures	Revenue Received
Villa Barr Book Sales YTD		\$0.00 YTD
Wreaths Across Novi Project		\$ 897.38 carryover funds

Treasurer’s Report: APPROVED

EXPENSES: The Commission needs to use the additional budget provided by the City of Novi for new equipment by the end of the fiscal year in June 2024.

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT:

Novi Newspaper Request: Betty Lang is looking for hard copies of the Novi Note from July 3 through the present to digitize. The library has not received copies of the paper and is trying to track back copies down.

History Room Office Hours:

Monday, Nov. 6 (Noon – 2 p.m.): Sharon Larson

Monday, Nov. 20 (6 – 8 p.m.): Kelly Kasper, Kim Nice

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Document Day: Document Day will be postponed from Sunday, Oct. 22 to a future date. Betty will present possible dates for a May document day.

Library Senior Day: The event was held on Monday, Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Kathy Crawford, Kim Nice and Sharon Larson staffed the event. Overall, Senior Day was well attended with many of the participating seniors saying they will come back to the History Room to do research in the future.

2023 – 2024 History Speakers Series:

“A City Called Midnight” speaker series was held on Sept. 21. The event was well attended, and the speaker did a good job keeping the audience engaged.

The remaining events scheduled for 2023 – 2024 CY year:

- Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023 – One Room School House
- Thursday, March 21, 2024 – Women of Michigan’s Capitol
- Thursday, April 18, 2024 – History of Detroit Coney Island
- Thursday, May 16, 2024 – Survivors, Victims & Legacies

ONGOING PROJECTS:

Wreaths Across Novi: The event will take place on Nov. 11. Estimates for the wreath came in at close to \$2,000. Sponsorship opportunities for the event will close in the next week so a banner can be created with the names of companies sponsoring the event. The flag holders will be in place ahead of the Wreaths Across Novi ceremony. Representatives from the Boy Scouts will help with laying the wreaths. Commissioners are asked to show up at 10 or 10:30 a.m. and help with takedown.

Wisdom Exchange: The Wisdom Exchange program has been put on pause. The hope is that an advisor can help the students start the group back up in the future.

Novi Bus Tour: Eight people have signed up for the tour on Friday, Oct. 20th at Walton Woods. Kathy has created a tour route that would be about two hours.

Miniature Project: Commission team members went to Washtenaw Community College to meet with Randy Van Wagnen, an animation teacher, and his class to help model and 3D print the Novi General Store. The class would also do some of the more detailed interior items. The plan is to meet with the class again and review some of the results in three weeks.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

NEXT MEETING: Nov. 15, 2023, at 7 p.m.

ADJOURN: 8:28 p.m.