



Novi Historical Commission

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 7pm

Novi Library History Room

Call to Order: 7pm

Introduction of Guests: Kathy Crawford, John MacInnis, Betty Lang, Sue Grifor, Kim Nice,

Approval of Agenda: Approved, All in Favor

Approval of Minutes-December 2016: Minutes require corrections from John and Kathy

Communications: None

Library Liaison Report, Betty Lang:

Hands – On Intermediate Genealogy, Saturday, February 11 10:30-3:30pm

Michigan in Perspective Local History Conference, March 3-4

History Skills Workshops 17 workshops from Feb. 17th thru Dec. 8th 2017

Betty recommends the following for our team:

2-17-17 - Keeping Cemeteries Alive

3-31-17 - Genealogy 101

9-29-17 - Telling Stories: Setting up an Oral History Project

11-10-17 – Taking Oral Histories One Step Further

History Room Office Hours:

Feb. 6th 12-2pm:	<u>Kathy Crawford</u>
Feb. 20th 6-8pm:	<u>John MacInnis</u>
Mar. 6th 12-2pm:	<u>Tammy Lee Knopp</u>
Mar. 20th 6-8pm:	<u>Kim Nice</u>

Ordinance Review

Kathy reported that the Ordinance Review Committee has approved the request to remove the School Superintendent and stipulations on who shall serve items and the request for (2) additional commission members. The City Council will have the 1st reading of the new ordinance on February 6th. Interviews for new members will take place in June 2017.

School Visit – Rae - Rae reported it went well.

Report on History Room Visits: Kim Nice had (1) visitor on Jan. 16th who was interested in when the Comau building was originally built. Betty referred him to the City Assessors office.

Villa Barr

100 books on order and are expected in by the end of January

Kathy Munch was unable to attend this meeting but is busy completing the presentation changes.

Margie to do programs for presentations and have ready for Spring 2017.



Novi Historical Commission

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 7pm

Novi Library History Room

Novi Cemeteries

Grave mapping is currently being done by city.

Kathy mentioned the possibility of future potential to develop an “app” that would give the history of the person. Also our commission conducting further research on the veterans buried there. The addition of new members will certainly aide in accomplishing these items.

Upcoming Historical Commission Programs:

Detroit History Tours presents “Dames of Detroit” March 2

War Dog Memorial-Thursday, May 11, 2017

Discovering Michigan Counties Barbara Vandermolen Sept. 28

Myth/Mythology Professor Arie Burke Oct. 19

French Festival Nov. 9th Genot Picour

Refreshments for Events

It was decided that we will still plan to have water and coffee for the events and also serve additional beverages or items that may coordinate with the specifics event. (Dames of Detroit we could serve Vernors) Rae can offer recommendations.

Display Cabinet, Sue Grifor

Sue is working with Grace Wilfong from Northville Genealogy Society on the display for Feb 11th event Rae requested Sue develop display for the Dames of Detroit to be displayed next.

Goals 2017:

John mentioned that it may be nice to start a “Friends of the Cemetery” program

Museum?? Not feasible at this time due to lack of “building” or downtown area. Perhaps at a future date. Something at the Barr property?

Update from City on property next to the cemetery for a parking lot. Mayor Gatt has tasked the city manager to investigate.

Elections at January meeting

Elections moved to February meeting due the Rae and Tammy’s absence.

Website/Facebook/Instagram Kim to contact Sheryl Walsh for photo to update website.

New/Other Business None

Adjourn: 8:00pm

NEXT MEETING: 7pm February 22