



# NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

**JANUARY Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 18, 2023**  
**Novi Library Local History**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:02 pm

**ATTENDANCE:** Rachel Manela, Dan Pierce, Debbie Wrobel, Sharon Larson, Kim Nice, Kathy Crawford, Kelly Kasper

**ABSENT:** None

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Betty Lang (Library Liaison), Sue Grifor (Guest)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** APPROVED

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER:** APPROVED

## TREASURER’S REPORT- Kim

NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2022/2023

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES Through January 18, 2023	
Display Cabinet Exhibit	\$ 900	\$ (81.80)	
Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Name Badges	\$ 1,100	\$ -	
Equipment/Supplies/Office/Upgrades/Repairs	\$ 1,200	\$ (421.83)	
Program/Speaker Fees	\$ 900	\$ (350.00)	
Storage Unit	\$ 2,800	\$ (2,652.00)	
Acquisition (Books/Materials)	\$ 500	\$ -	
Conference/Continuing Education	\$ 2,000	\$ (50.00)	
Legal Fees	\$ 1,000	\$ -	
Special Projects Examples: Villa Barr, Photography, Veterans Sign, Oral Histories, City/Community Events, Motor City Marker)	\$ 3,600	\$ -	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 14,000</b>	<b>\$ (3,555.63)</b>	<b>\$ 10,444</b>
<b>Equitable Projects</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Revenue Received</b>	
Villa Barr Book Sales YTD		\$0.00 YTD	
Wreaths Across Novi Project	\$ 2,050.96	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 897.38 carryover funds

Receipts submitted for NHC member USBs and for the new History Room printer.  
 Treasurer’s Report: ALL APPROVED

## LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT:

**Lincoln House:** The City asked if the Lincoln House was registered as a historical marker or site as the owner is considering selling and doing something else with the land. Betty confirmed that the house is not on any historical register.

**History Room Training:** Commission members have until March to get a History Room refresh training. Trainings should be scheduled by working with Betty on her availability.

## History Room Office Hours:

- Monday, 1/2 (Noon – 2 p.m.): Sharon Larson
- Monday, 1/16 (6-8 p.m.): Kim Nice and Sue Grifor
- Monday, 2/6 (Noon – 2 p.m.): Kathy Crawford and Kim Nice
- Monday, 2/20 (6 – 8 p.m.): Dan Pierce and Debbie Wrobel

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**OMEKA.NET Renewal:** The Commission voted and approved the renewal of the Omeka.Net subscription housing the Novi Cemetery Tombstone Collection for \$350. The current subscription ends 2/23.

**Local History Room Tech Update:** The computer was installed. IT services is now installing different permissions for Commissioners, the Library Liaison and the general public.

**Michigan in Perspective Conference:** A reminder to Commissioners that the Michigan Historical Commission's "Michigan in Perspective" conference takes place March 24-25 at the Suburban Showcase in Novi, MI. Commissioners are being asked to attend if possible and can apply for reimbursement from the Commission after showing proof of attendance.

**Novi Historical Sites Brochure Review:** The City of Novi graphic designer is working on laying out the revised copy of the Novi Historical Sites brochure.

**Grant Opportunity:** Kelly Kasper submitted grant and was given an acknowledgement of receipt. She is waiting to hear back on whether we were awarded it.

**WWII USO CANTEEN:** The Commission voted on and APPROVED co-sponsoring a "History of the USO" event in conjunction with the Novi Public Library. The Commission will support by making a \$500 donation to the event.

## **Upcoming Historical Programs:**

- Wed., February 22 – Midnight: Detroit and the Underground Railroad
- Thurs., March 23 – Ladies of the Lights (lighthouse keepers)
- Wed., April 26 – The LGBTQ community in the Labor Movement
- Wed., May 24 – A Reenactor who portrays a disguised female Union soldier

## **ONGOING PROJECTS:**

**Miniature Project**– Kathy is waiting to get an update on the miniature project architectural drawings. She will follow up ahead of next meeting.

**Storage Unit Update** – An inventory is being taken of the storage unit and cross referenced with what has been catalogued. If any items are no longer needed, they will be offered to the original donor or another historical association.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Please bring any new ideas to the Commission first for consideration and implementation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023 at 7 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** 8:41 p.m.