

**Historical Society
United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa
Meeting Minutes**

December 4, 2019, at Noon

Attendees:

Judge C.J. Williams, Timothy Hill, Peter Deegan, Hilary Naab, Robert Phelps, and Paul De Young

1. Motion to approve June minutes

The September 4, 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer report

Treasurer out of town; no update given. Rob reminded members to pay their dues.

3. NDIA History Book Updates

Tim will have the civil section of the history book completed and sent to Hilary and Judge Williams by the end of the year.

Hilary mentioned the editing should be completed by the week of December 9. Citations are done, and Hilary is working on formatting the appendix.

Judge Williams suggested a spring 2020 release date for the history book with a 10-year update.

4. Contracting for History Center Design Update

Rob provided the following updates on the History Center design project:

- Officially contracted the project with Kid Zibits.
- Conversations will start in January with the design phase beginning in February.
- Input will be needed from members and specific submittal dates will be established in January.
- Final design phase spring/summer 2020.
- Specific items will be emailed out to the membership to have members weigh in.
- Working on developing a stand-alone exhibit in Sioux City, something that can be moved.
- Plans to display new exhibits specific to Sioux City, possibly a folding wall display or digital display.

Rob mentioned GSA allowed us to set up tri-fold wall exhibits in the lobby for a couple of months and then take them down.

Hilary said she would send Rob information on the digital touch screen standing kiosks used for judicial conference as a possible consideration for the free-standing Sioux City exhibit.

5. Other Business

Members held discussion on oral histories.

Tim informed members he completed the oral history of Jim Hodges in October. Tim said he would be happy to talk about the experience and how important it is to capture the information.

Rob explained oral histories are burned onto CD. The histories were going to be featured on the website on the Historical Society page, but the files are too large. Rob talked about another option of displaying portions of the oral histories in the History Center.

Pete suggested splitting the oral histories into chapters so people wouldn't have to listen to the entire interview.

Rob recommended asking Kids Zibits to provide a quote for the work required to format oral histories.

Rob said the IT staff completed editing the oral history video for Judge Zoss and they are now editing the video for Jim Hodges' oral history.

Members discussed oral histories of judges and listed names of those completed and uncompleted.

Hilary shared a list of the judges and the status of their oral histories.

Judges that do not have oral histories:

- Judge Scoles – Rob will speak to him while travelling in July
- Judge Reade – Rob will check with Fran
- Judge Kilburg
- Judge Jarvey
- Judge Deck
- Judge Edmonds – Rob will attempt to contact
- Judge Melloy

Judges that do have oral histories:

- Judge Hanson
- Judge Bennett
- Judge McManus

Judge Williams said he would mention the oral history project at the next judges' lunch.

Tim spoke about planning a CLE event to coincide with the publication of the history book including a networking event and presentation from judges on highlights of key cases.

Judge Williams suggested scheduling a CLE event in Sioux City as well and to include case law to qualify for CLE credit.

Rob and Tim will coordinate with the Federal Practice Committee at the next meeting.

6. **Next meeting**

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at Noon

Meeting Adjourned 12:26 PM.