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52nd Anniversary Fridley Tornadoes May 6th, 1965

When one thinks of an anniversary, usually it is uplifting and delightful. This anniversary is neither. As we remember this date, many residents of Fridley have memories of death, destruction, and fear. Fortunately, the vast majority of people paid heed to the warnings and sirens. They sought shelter in basements and window-less rooms. These simple measures saved thousands!

Unfortunately, many people today do not heed the timely warnings or ignore storm sirens. Even the difference between a tornado watch and tornado warning still plague the understanding of when to “get low”. This is still the best advice to stay safe in a tornado. Get to the lowest profile that you can! Seeking shelter in the basement underneath a heavy table or bench is the best. But, if that is not available, get into a windowless room (bathroom/closet) and cover your head. Flying debris is the most common cause of death and injury from tornadoes.

For the interested that are fascinated by tornadoes, google the WCCO radio tapes for the entire evening radio broadcast of May 6, 1965. The Palm Sunday tornadoes of 1965 have many online sources which include the Alto, Indiana church recording of a tornado that destroyed that building.

For the survivors and witnesses of the worst tornado outbreak in Twin Cities’ history, it is a solemn time of remembrance. For all of us at the Fridley Historical Society, we offer our most heartfelt condolences and respect. There are infinite stories of miracles, heroism, determination, and hope during those tornadoes and the aftermath.

Fridley Historical Society

Board & Committees

The Board of Directors meets at the History Center on the first Thursday of every month at 4:30 p.m.

Officers

President	Dorothy Gargaro
Vice President	Mary Ann Hoffman
Secretary	Lori Greiner
Treasurer	Judy Anderson

Other Board Members

Pete Bonesteel
Mary Sue Meyers
Allen Taylor

Committees & Chairpersons

Members interested in attending a committee meeting, please call the Chair to confirm time and date.

Archives and Exhibits

Mark Bonesteel — 763-331-1885

City & Family History

Dorothy Gargaro — 763-792-1080

Finance

Judy Anderson — 763-767-2566

Fundraising

Open —

Maintenance Committee

Rick and Teresa Hitt 763-571-6310
Allen Taylor — 763-422-3878

Membership

Mary Ann Hoffman—763-780-5911

Newsletter Editor

Lori Greiner — 612-963-1485

Programs & Events

Mary Sue Meyers — 763-717-7987

Upcoming Events

All events are at the Fridley History Center unless otherwise indicated.

Open House

Saturday May 13th 8th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Saturday May 27th 8th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Board Meeting

Thursday June 1st 4:30 pm

Open House

Saturday June 10th 8th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Book Signing

Sunday June 11th 2:00pm—4:00 pm

Rob Zelenak will be signing his book

“Presidential Inaugurations A Pictorial History”

Fridley 49er Day Community Pride Festival

Saturday June 17th
Commons Park

Open House

Saturday June 24th 8th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Board Meeting

Thursday July 6th 4:30 pm

Open House

Saturday July 8th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Saturday July 22nd 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Board Meeting

Thursday August 3rd 4:30 pm

Open House

Saturday August 12th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Saturday August 26th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting

Thursday May 4th, 2017

Present: Mary Ann Hoffman, Pete Bonesteel, Lori Greiner, Mary Sue Meyers, Judy Anderson, Allen Taylor, Mary Bonesteel, Mark Bonesteel

The meeting began at 4:32 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer Report: Judy submitted the following: Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2017 and April 2017 Profit and Loss Comparison. Al made a motion to approve, seconded by Pete, and all in favor.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Mary Ann reported \$130.00 in dues and \$321.00 in donations were received.

Maintenance: Al reported that the light was repaired, the exterminator was on site today and made suggestions regarding landscaping solutions, and general maintenance around the building is continuing.

Newsletter: Lori reported that due to technical issues she is unable to submit the minutes of the April board meeting.

Old Business:

Irvin and Jeanne Peter train: A picture will be displayed honoring the Irvin and Jeanne family and their generous contribution of the train set which is currently on display.

Madonna Wagner: Madonna has generously offered to donate a rocking chair that has been part of her family for years. Until we have a proper display created for it, hopefully by this fall, we will secure it in a protected area.

Lasagna Dinner: Mary Sue stated that more people attended this year. We will be sending out thank you messages to the people who donated prizes and auction items. Our income from the dinner was \$3,553.00 and expenses were \$1,176.74 leaving a profit of \$2,376.26.

New Business:

Mark Bonesteel: Mark stated that he is working on putting a railing on the wall next to the train set to display cars. He has scanned pictures of Northern Pump company and put them in protective sheets. There are 2500 historical photos in total and he is about halfway done scanning them in. We discussed putting a programmable lock on the archive room door.

Book Signing: Mary Ann announced that Rob Zelenak will be signing copies of his book "Presidential Inaugurations A Pictorial History". It will be held on Sunday June 11th from 2 to 4 pm at the Fridley History Center.

Lasagna Dinner Sponsors appreciation: Mary stated that Embers, 2 Stooges, and Dunn Bros Coffee have supported the lasagna dinner for many years and she would like to show our appreciation by presenting each of them with a plaque for everything that they have done for the history center.

Mary and Pete Bonesteel: Pete and Mary announced that Pete is resigning from the board effective immediately and that Mark Bonesteel would like to fill the open position. Mary Ann made a motion to approve Pete resigning and to appoint Mark. Judy seconded the motion and all approved.

Mark Bonesteel: Mark discussed several items regarding donations and exhibits. He received an email from the Fridley Parks Department regarding a donations of pictures of old local parks. He is in the process of redoing the public safety room. The room which is currently the office will become the military room. He has located pictures of the four Fridley Vietnam veterans who were killed in action which will be included in the military display.

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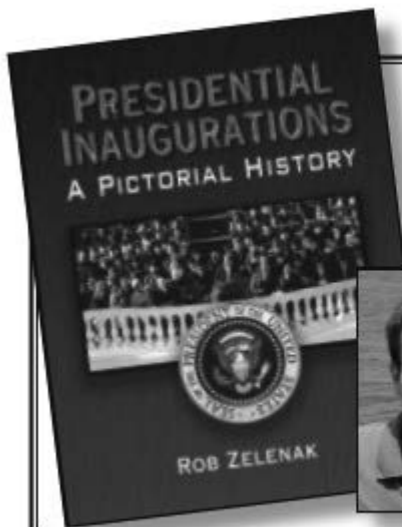
Mark Bonesteel: He stated that he was informed that the school parking lot is being expanded. A discussion was held regarding the effect on the access during construction to the history center. A Fridley police officer who was hired in 1974 is retiring and will donate uniforms. Mark will be listed as the second contact for the alarm company, Rick will continue as the first contact. He is working on cabinets for the public safety room.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Lori Greiner

The Fridley Historical Society wishes to thank out-going board member Pete Bonesteel for all of his contributions and extends a warm welcome to Mark Bonesteel to the board!



You are invited to this special event! See you there!



BOOK SIGNING JUNE 11, 2017

Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Fridley History Center

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATIONS

A Pictorial History

by Rob Zelenak

The 27th Annual Lasagna Dinner, Sweepstakes, and Live Auction was held on Saturday April 22nd at the American Legion Post #303 in Fridley. Below are some words from the Fridley Historical Society President Dorothy Gargaro and pictures supplied by Robert Christenson of the event.

“On behalf of the Fridley Historical Society, I want to thank all the folks who came out to our event, and would like to give a shout out and a heartfelt THANKS to all the sponsors of our event; we really appreciate your continued support. Because of you, it was another successful event!”

Also, thanks to Scott Lund for adding to the fun by being the Master of Ceremonies once again, to Robert Christenson for doing the auction, and to Jacob Taylor for helping server dinner and being a runner with prizes to the winners.”

Dorothy Gargaro



Save the date and be ready to wear your red, white, and blue!

Fridley 49er Day
COMMUNITY PRIDE FESTIVAL
June 17, 2017
Commons Park

Fridley 49er Days Festival Inc., invites you to help celebrate our community pride by participating in and/or attending our one-day festival this year. We will also be demonstrating our pride in our local veterans as we have the American flag raised by two fire trucks, a Color Guard, a bagpipe band and a variety of patriotic music by the City Band!

9:55 a.m..... Fun Run
10:00 a.m..... Fridley Lion's Parade
10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Food Concessions
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.. Kid's Day Activities
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Kid's DJ
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Police Department Dunk Tank
12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Beer & Wine Sales
1:00 p.m. Car Show
2:00 p.m. Martial Arts Demonstration
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Pride Event
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Fridley High School All-School Reunion
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Brat Pack Radio Band
10:00 p.m. **FIREWORKS!**

CITY OF FRIDLEY

As of May 5, the following have renewed their 2017 Fridley Historical Society membership. A name followed by an * indicates that the membership was accompanied with a donation up to \$50, while ** indicates a donation of \$50 or more.

Thanks for your support!

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Bob Aldrich
Judy Anderson
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Agnes Shaw*
Norma Swanson*
Lee & Gaylene Switzer**
Al & Kathy Taylor*
Glenn Theorin**
Brian & Joanne Toews*
Catherine Voss
Lenny & Ann Witucki*
Warren Woods*
Fridley Lions Club**

Welcome New Member: Betty Hults*



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