

Fridley Historical Society

6085 Seventh Street N.E.
Fridley, Minnesota 55432

N E W S L E T T E R

One of the recent decisions by your Board of Directors is that we will print a monthly newsletter for our members. This will take the place of the minutes of the meetings that have been mailed to you in the past. It is felt that we can get more details to you of what is happening in the Historical Society and the Museum by sending you this Newsletter. We will try to include some information on the history of Fridley each month. Some of you members are young and have not had the experience of living "in the olden days", and some of you, like myself, have not lived in Fridley more than 30 or 40 years. Our family moved to Fridley in 1955.

It is important that we on the Board of Directors have your support and in-put on what we are doing--and the best way for this to happen is to open up lines of communication between us and you. This means that we want to hear from you, too. Any suggestions that you may have may be very helpful to us, both for present planning and for long range future planning.

Fern I. Moe, President

Lillian Meyers recently finished painting the girls bathroom at the museum. Sure looks nice, Lillian. We need someone to repaint the black mop boards. No climbing involved!!!

Does anyone have a Homer Hanky to donate to the Museum for a current history artifact?

LETTER FROM FIFTH GRADER

Recently a letter was forwarded to Fern Moe by the Fridley Chamber of Commerce. It was from a fifth grade boy in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, saying that they were studying American cities and were to research and write about a specific one. He had chosen to research Fridley, MN!!! He was particularly interested in the origin of the name of our city. Mrs. Moe sent him a letter regarding the origin of the name and a little about the history of Fridley.

And maybe this is the time for a little history lesson about the origin of the Fridley name. It is commonly believed that Fridley was named after Russel Fridley, who for many years was the Director of the Minnesota Historical Society. This is not true. The Fridley name goes back much further than that. Russel Fridley has not been able to trace his lineage back to the Abram M. Fridley who moved to our area in the mid 1800's. This area at that time was called the territory of Manomin. Abram Fridley and his wife purchased the 16 room colonial mansion that had been built earlier by U.S. Senator Henry M. Rice. It was located in the very south part of Fridley along East River Road. Mr. Fridley was elected as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and later to the Minnesota Legislature. It was at that time that he suggested to the State Legislature that the name of this area be changed to Fridley. It was changed by an act of the legislature in 1879.

LEASE AGREEMENT

As you know, the Fridley Historical Society is leasing the Museum (formerly the Hayes Annex building) from the Dist. #14 Fridley School District. There has been a verbal agreement between the School District and the Society for a couple of years. In August a formal agreement was drawn up by our attorney, Don Savelkoul. The attorney for the School District was not happy with that agreement, so he drew up another one, which was to have been signed by both parties at the October School Board meeting. There were a couple of paragraphs in that lease agreement that concerned the Board of Directors and our attorney. Warren Woods, Leon Madsen and Fern Moe attended that October 20th meeting and stated our concerns, but on the advice of Don Savelkoul, we did not sign the lease. Mrs. Moe has since met with Roger Schmaus from the School Dist. and the differences have been resolved, so we will be signing the lease before the November 17th meeting of the School Board. That lease will run for 10 years at \$1.00 per year, so that about Nov. 1, 1997, a new lease agreement must be drawn up for the following five years.

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MUSEUM BASEMENT ROOM

Interest was expressed this summer by the Onan Corporation to help us by redoing the large room in the basement of the museum, to be used as a media room and a meeting room and to be called the Onan room. Prices from a contractor were submitted to the Onan Corp. A recent letter from an Onan representative to Mrs. Moe, asked the hours that the Museum will be open and an estimate of the amount of useage that the room will have. Ms. Moe is currently surveying various organizations to appraise their needs for such a meeting room. The results of the survey will be sent soon to Mr. Phelps at Onans.

In talking with Sylvia and Tom at the Community Center, it seems that the schedule for the library room is nearly full and requests for use have to often be turned away. The library room compares in size to our basement room at the museum. School officials seem to feel it would be used often by students

POEM BY Bill Campbell

Husband of member Esther Campbell

FRIDLEY'S FORE

A question rises from the past
Of where we were when men first put
A foot on Fridleys ground and cast
An eye about from limb to root,
To dream a dream, a freedom dream
Amongst the bogs and grassland plain,
Along a gentle flowing stream--
Perhaps a field or two of grain.

These men, with wives, looked out afar
And built their ramparts on the hills
With hopes of dwelling 'neath the star
That guided them toward the mills
They knew some day would come to be--
To bring surcease from trials of might.
They searched the land for company
To settle down from northward flight.

But we today can little know
The toils, the doubts that plagued their
The tribulations that would flow, (mind;
To test the strong, the weakly spined.
We only know they lit the lamps
That marked the trails a free
And therewith placed their stamps
On history for you and me.

Today the voices echo down
Through years of untold strifes and pains.
We know there's few that reached renown,
But somewhere mid the written strains
We've found that many a valored heart
Had trod this ground and been elated.
So Fridleyites today, in part,
Can search the past and feel related.

and teachers who would come to
the museum on field trips and
while there would view films,
slides, and tapes about the
history of this area, in addition
to the history of Minnesota.

GRANT REQUEST STATUS

Word has been received from the Minnesota Historical Society Grants office that our Grant request for money to make the Museum accessible for the handicapped, is being considered and we are invited to attend and make a five minute presentation before the Grants Review Committee on November 17th. Some of the Society Board members will attend this meeting. If our application is accepted for payment, the money will be available by Dec. 15th.

One of the stipulations in receiving this money is that the money must be matched dollar for dollar with donated labor and donated or purchased materials. We are talking about \$7,500 dollars worth!! We'll need help from you carpenters and cement workers, and electricians, or anyone who can spare a few hours of their time. We can use both professional and unskilled help. We also need a 36" exterior door, three interior 36" doors, 5/8" gypson board, 3/4" exterior plywood, 5/8" interior plywood, 2X4's, fiberglass batt insulation, stair treads and risers, and much more. We also need the use of a masonry cutting tool.

Let us hear from you about what you can do for us. Call Fern Moe at 571-5041. Best time to call is in the forenoon before 11 a.m. and after 7 p.m. in the evening. Or call any other of the Board members.

FRONT STEPS

Robert Schmidt of the Fridley Jaycees has contacted his brother who is a cement contractor in Bloomington and he has agreed to redo the sides of the front steps on the museum. Wyatt Brothers has agreed to furnish the cement. Mr. Schmidt is hoping to find some wrought iron railing to install at the same time. We certainly appreciate this help. The Schmidt brothers grew up in Fridley.

PHONE CALL FROM LOCKE FAMILY MEMBER

In August Fern Moe received a phone call from a Stanley Locke, who was in Minneapolis on a business trip, but resides in Arlington, Massachusetts. He has traced his ancestry back to the Locke family who lived here in Fridley at one time and wanted more information on his family. Mrs. Moe found some history information about the family and sent a 3-page letter to his home with the information.

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COFFEE PARTY

Fern Moe has been invited to attend a coffee party on November 2nd at 7:15 A.M. at the Country Hospitality Suites in Coon Rapids. This is sponsored by KANO Radio for an organization that is internationally recognized as a fund raising organization, which benefits club treasuries. It may be something that will be useful to our organization.

Watch for exciting fund raising way to earn points for our organization!!!!

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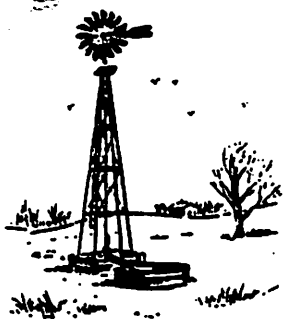
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NEWS OF CCA FUND RAISER

Keep your points coming in. At the first turn-in period for the **Community Club Awards Program** sponsored by KANO Radio-AM-1470, we won fourth place so we received a \$10.00 prize. The second turn-in period, we won 5th place and received a \$5.00 prize. Since then the points have not been coming in very good. If we have points to turn in every two weeks, we will qualify for the grand prize. In addition to these prizes, we will receive other monies on April 20th when the Fund raiser is over. Remember that any purchases made at Northtown on a Monday or Tuesday qualify for an additional 1,000 points. And any purchases made at Northtown on the following dates qualify for 5,000 bonus points:

- March 11-13 N. Sub. Sportsman Show
- March 18-20 Spring Antique Show
- March 24-27 Home & Garden Show
- March 23-April 2 Easter Bunny & Photo
- March 29-April 2 Petting Zoo
- April 9 Boy Scout Expo
- April 15-16 TV 11 Health Fair
- April 22-24 African Violet Show

Also remember that purchases at any Super America Station count for points. Also, the lids from Kemps Old Fashioned Ice Cream count for points, as do Schweigerts luncheon meat (the UPC symbol). The All Seasons Comfort Company in New Brighton has agreed to give 50,000 points for an estimate on a new furnace, instead of the 5,000 points stated in the book. The next turn-in date is March 16, so have your points to me before that date. Sales receipts, lids, etc. can be dropped off at the Fridley Community Center or at the Museum at 611 Mississippi St., in the mail slot.

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April Meeting

We have a special meeting planned for members and the public alike, on April 11th at 7:30 P.M. This time of the year our thoughts turn to baseball--especially after the World Championship victory of last summer!! We have some baseball buffs right here in Fridley, and lots of memories of past victories locally, as well. Watch for more information about a real interesting and fun evening!!



LETTER FROM Margit Bremer Toner:

As a Fridley resident and member of the Fridley Historical Society, I cannot refrain from sharing some old time memories of Fridley, although I was raised in Blaine.

We had the Fridley post office address for many years. The post office was located on the River Road next to the Locke House. The venerable postmaster was Mr. J.B. Ryberg, who before coming to Fridley had served in public office in Hennepin County. I remember him as a dignified and portly gentleman with a white goatee. He was the grandfather of Rodney Johnson.

Our faithful mailcarrier had a long route into Blaine by horse and buggy or sleigh, in all weather and road conditions. I remember that we kids accompanied my father when he drove the horses and wagon to Fridley to have the horses shod at the Blacksmith Shop across the road from the Post Office. The esteemed Blacksmith was Mr. Wm. McCready, who now rests in that tiny cemetery on the hill behind the Episcopal Church site. Regretfully that little historic church has been moved from there.

Certainly an important part of the Fridley History is C.A. Nelson dairy business and dairy farms. The Nelson mansion and dairy farm was located on the East River Road where the Lynwood Health Care Center now stands. Mr. Nelson established the Clover Leaf Creamery Co. in North Minneapolis, which has been owned and operated by the family these many years. The Nelson farms in Fridley were the Tipperary and North Pole farms, and in Blaine, the Orchard Hill, Burr Oak and Clover Leaf Farms.

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Let me hear from some of the rest of you. Don't worry about spelling and punctuation. I'll try to help out with that. Send your letters to Fern Moe.

Carpeting for the Offices

Last summer I approached Ken Boschwitz of Plywood Minnesota, thinking that with their seemingly prosperous large business, which has been located in Fridley for many years, they might be willing to donate carpeting for the two front offices in the museum. After many phone calls, and a letter from me, Mr. Boschwitz finally informed me that they were financially unable to do that for us. Then, later I contacted a small company called Carpet Showcase, and after at least a dozen calls with promises, but nothing more, I finally gave up on that. Last week I received a call from Betty Anderson of New Carpet Design located at 203 Mississippi St., Fridley. Not only will they donate carpeting to us, but they insist on installing it, also!! The Andersons have lived in Fridley since 1960, and their four boys, Scott, Mark, Bryan, and Lynn attended school at Riverwood and Stevenson Elementary, and Jr. and Senior High. It is a family owned business, and Mark and Bryan are the installers. Mark graduated from high school in 1974. After graduating he went to Bible School for two years; then worked for a company as an installer for another three years. In 1979, he started installing on his own. They rented a building from Gus Doty at Fridley Office Plaza for three years, and then moved to their present location two years ago. They have tentative plans to move to a larger place in Moon Plaza by April 1st. It would seem that a person could expect that a business owner, who also does the installing of carpet would do a precise and exacting job!! Mrs. Anderson tells me that there is another business in Fridley called Carpet Design Center, located at 7151 University. This is not the same company that I am referring to. This company is called New Carpet Design. It could be confusing! New Carpet Design also has blinds, wallpaper, counter tops, and upholstery, and fabrics.

Frank Frischman fell

Frank Frischman, one of our Fridley residents, and a member of the Historical Soc. from its beginning, fell recently and sustained a broken leg. Actually, his wife Elizabeth tells me that he fell earlier and cracked the bone, but went for a few months before finding out that it was cracked, and by then the bone was starting to heal. Then he fell again, and really broke it that time. After spending a period of time in the hospital, Mr. Frischman is now recovering at home, but will be in a wheel chair for awhile. Did you know that his wife, Elizabeth is an artist, and is planning her own show in the near future?

DONOR'S CORNER

The Lion's Club of Fridley donated \$1,000. This money is ear-marked for the immediate needs that we have to install fire alarms, lighted exit signs, burglar alarms, and a few other things to satisfy the insurance company. We were invited to one of their meetings to talk about these needs. Lillian Meyer and Gloria Hayes went, and from all accounts they did a good job of representing our Society. Thankyou, Lion's Club members!

The Senior Crafter's Club donated \$100. The Museum is certainly a community effort, and we do thank you all.

Carpeting for the two front offices was donated by Betty Anderson of New Carpet Design. (Notice the article elsewhere in this newsletter).

The VFW Post # 363 likes to spring surprises! They had previously agreed to help us purchase a redwood sign for out in the front of the Museum. This was mentioned in the last Newsletter. In February Board Member Jerry Manley received a phone call from Post Commander Rudy Nessman saying that they had a check for us. Jerry assumed that it was a check for the sign, but was surprised to learn that it was another check. They wanted to present it at a City Council Meeting, so Fern Moe arranged this with the Assistant City Manager, Bill Hunt, who is also a member of the Historical Society, by the way. Neither Jerry Manley, or Fern Moe had asked about the amount of the check, and were very, very surprised to be presented with a check for \$13,500. at the February 22nd City Council Meeting. This money is ear-marked to help us with making the building accessible to the handicapped, so that we can be open to the public. What a surprise gift!! And we needed it so badly. Thankyou VFW members!

When I was thanking the various people for donations in the last newsletter, I failed to thank some people who donate many hours of their time to the Fridley Historical Society. I am referring to our Board Members, who are always so willing to help in whatever capacity they are needed. I hope we never just take them for granted. Thankyou Glen Theorin, Lillian Meyer, Warren Woods, Jerry Manley, Earl Johnson, Gloria Hayes, Leon Madsen, Marian Anderson, and Curator Mary Larson. Thankyou very much.

The Donor's Corner will be a regular feature of the newsletter. Next Newsletter I will mention some of the artifacts and collections that have been donated recently.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

Are you a Fridley resident? _____ If not, were you ever a resident of

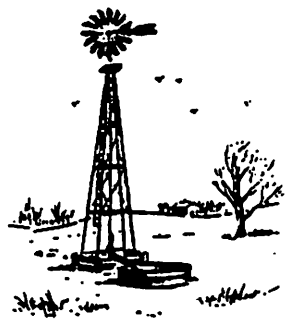
Fridley? _____ Are you employed in Fridley? _____

Yearly Individual Membership Dues: \$10.00

Club and Church Membership: \$20.00

Business Membership: \$50.00

All renewal memberships are due by January 1st of every year. Please return this form to the Fridley Historical Society at 611 Mississippi St. N.E., Fridley 55432. Make checks payable to the Fridley Historical Society.



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CCA Fundraiser

The Community Club Awards Fundraiser ended on April 20th. A BIG thankyou to those of you who turned in points. Every two weeks, Moe turned in the points to KANO Radio Station to compete with many other organizations. We received first place only once. That resulted in \$75.00. We received fourth place twice, resulting in \$10.00 each time, and fifth place twice resulting in \$5.00 each time. In addition to these bi-weekly awards, we received Sponsor awards. With as many members as we had, and the easy ways to gain points, we should have had many more points to turn in. But some of you did very well, and we do thank you. Fern and Mahlon Moe attended the "Pay-Off Party" on April 26th at the Seasons Restaurant to receive the \$347.00 for the Fridley Historical Society. Some organizations received \$700. to \$900. Our money will be used for utility and on-going operating expenses.

Garage Sale

The Garage Sale, which was held on April 16th at the Comm. Ed. Center was well attended. However, we did not rent as many tables as last year. From questions received from people, it seemed that some felt that the money they would receive from selling their items would belong to the Historical Society. Not so--all we receive is the table rental--except for items specifically donated to the Society. Baked goods went very well. Next year we must have more of that. Moe interviewed exhibitors and received some helpful hints for next year. The Society cleared about \$200. A big thankyou to Board Members who so willingly helped again.

Band Concert

The Fridley City Band plans to hold a concert on the lawn of the Historical Society Museum on July 9th. A movie will follow the concert. The Historical Society will sell ice cream, and fresh popcorn during the concert and movie. It should be a fun night for Fridleyites!!

Baseball Night

The April 11th meeting of the Fridley Historical Society, a night of reminiscing about baseball in Fridley, was well attended. Warren Woods, our treasurer, is also a baseball buff, and did a tremendous job of pulling the program together. In 1948, 1949, and 1950, Fridley had a town team. Three of the players attended the program that evening: Vern Gottwaldt, Walter Ness, and Don Granlund. Harry Messick, a former high school baseball coach also attended our evening of baseball. Refreshments were served after the meeting and reminiscing continued as one of our members, Fred Schultz told about baseball in Fridley in the 1930's. Fred brought along a baseball glove and other memorabilia from those days.

Minnesota Historical Society Annual Meeting

On Friday, April 15th, Lillian Meyer and Fern Moe attended the day long annual meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society. Moe attended sessions regarding writing effective grant applications, information about various grants available, cooperative projects, etc. Meyer attended sessions having to do with preservation and exhibits. In the afternoon she and others in that group toured St. Paul's Lowertown Historic District. Both felt they had had a very helpful and interesting day.

Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

Marion Anderson and Fern Moe, both of the Historical Society Board, attended the 15th Annual Chamber of Commerce Employee Appreciation Day Luncheon on April 27th at the Skywood Inn. Rose Totino was the guest speaker. She gave an inspiring and heart warming speech, detailing her life history, and reminding all that monetary gain is not the most important gain in life.

Grant Application

Word was received on April 15th that our grant application, submitted on January 20th, 1988, was recommended by the Grants Review Committee to be paid in the maximum amount of \$7,500. This money is to be used for modifications to provide handicapped accessibility to the Museum. This project is supported with funds provided by the State of Minnesota through the Minnesota Historical Society's Grants-in-Aid Program, and along with the \$13,500. donated by the V.F.W., now allows us to start construction. Our architect, Foster Dunwiddie, who had met with us again on March 27th, has put together a bid package, and has submitted this to four contractors. Bids are expected to be back in about two weeks. The rear entrance of the Museum will be widened to accomodate a wheelchair, housing for the lift will be installed, and a bathroom will be roughed in in the basement that will be accessible for the handicapped. Moe will submit another grant application by July 20th, for help with the actual purchase of the lift, which will cost about \$16,500. Other funding possibilities are also being pursued.

Redwood Sign

A redwood sign, donated by the V.F.W. Post #363, will soon be installed in the front yard of the Museum. Jerry Manley, who is a member of the V.F.W., and also one of our Board Members, was the liason between the sign company and the V.F.W. The sign has been received, and when the necessary permits are completed, it will be installed.

Landscaping

Word has been received from the Horticulture Department of the Anoka Technical Institute, that they could not work our landscaping project into their schedule for this year, as they had formerly promised. Work will need to be done immediately to at least cover the bare dirt around the parking lot. We would be glad to hear from anyone who is willing to help with yard work, or who has black dirt, grass seed, or sod for this project. We are also looking for someone with experience in landscaping who can provide us with advice on the location of plantings that will beautify the grounds around the Museum.

Baseball Caps

Light blue and white baseball caps are now available with our windmill and Fridley Historical Society logo. Anyone interested in purchasing these caps may call Board Member, Earl Johnson at 484-7286. Caps sell for \$5.00.

49er Days

Plans are underway for members to take part in the annual 49ers Day Parade on Wednesday, June 15th. The Historical Society will again sell ice cream goodies to parade viewers. Earl Johnson and Warren Woods are on the 49er Day Committee for our organization this year.

Insurance Recommendations

Recommendations by a company, North Star Risk, representing our insurance company, is being complied with. Gloria Hayes purchased "No Smoking" signs, which are posted throughout the Museum. Jerry Manley purchased and installed four fire extinguishers in the Museum, and he also purchased emergency lighting to comply with the recommendations. The \$1000. donation from the Lion's Club paid for these purchases. Another of the recommendations is that a center handrail must be installed in the outside steps. Robert Schmidt, the new president of the Jaycees, and his brother, who is in the cement contracting business, have offered to redo the front steps, and will install the center rail at that time. Mr. Schmidt feels that they will get this done within the next two weeks.

May 2nd Meeting



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Construction

The word at the Museum these days is construction!! The KM Building Company was the low bidder for the job of remodeling the building to make it accessible to the handicapped. The back entrance has been enlarged and changed somewhat. The shaft that will house the lift is done, with a door out into the large basement room that will one day be our media room, and a door on the main floor into the east room. The bathroom for the handicapped is in the basement, and is partly finished. The project is about 3/4 done, and is scheduled to be completed by August 5th. Bids have just come in on the lift. The low bidder is Medical Aids, Inc. with a price of \$18,631. It will be a 3-stop lift. Meaning that people coming into the lift at the level of the back door will be able to go up to the first floor, or down to the lower level. It will have a maximum load limit of 750 lbs. Minnesota code requires that a water fountain and a service sink be installed before the building can be open to the public. These were things that were not included in the original bid. The basement floor in the large media room was in bad shape, and has been torn out. The cement looks good, so likely we will just carpet over it when we can afford it. That room also needs to be insulated and painted before another winter. Also, the building needs to be tuckpointed before another winter. The heating bill was too high this last year.

Landscaping

Needless to say, landscaping has been a nightmare this year. The Moes tried planting part of the lawn, and even put down a little sod, but now with the water shortage getting so severe, it looks pretty hopeless to try to save it. City hall will

have some extra bushes for us, when their construction is completed. Lets hope that we are getting rain by then.

Grant Application

Fern Moe has submitted an application to the Minnesota Historical Society for help in financing the second phase of the construction project, which is primarily the purchase of the lift, its installation, and some door framing that will need to be done after the lift is in. The lift will cost \$18,631. installed. Another \$200. should take care of the framing. The maximum amount that could possibly be available from the Minnesota Historical Society is \$7,500. That means that we have to do alot of fund-raising between now and November 15th!!

Upcoming Meetings

The next regular meeting for the membership is on Monday, September 12th. That evening we will view a film about the 1930's and then reminisce about how the drought of those days compared with this year, and how those early '30's affected the economy in this area. Members and non-members are welcome.

Our annual meeting in October will be held on October 3rd. It will be a Railroad Night!! We have an excellant speaker lined up, who is very knowledgable about the early railroads and the impact that they made on communities. We will also be entertained that evening by Fridley's own Kelly family! They are a real treat to listen to. Such talent!! As always, non-members are welcome to come, also.

Band Concert

The Fridley City Band held a concert on the grounds of the Fridley Historical Society on Monday evening, July 11th. It was a lovely evening. Can you believe that it was almost cold sitting in the shade that evening!! We have really had a heat wave this summer. We are making history everyday! We have a very talented City Band. We can be proud of them.



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Construction

On Thursday, September 1st, a final walk thru inspection was conducted at the Museum. Board member, Leon Madsen represented the Society, others there was the contractor, and the architect. There were still a number of things left to do. Just mostly little things, although one of the things was that they had moved the drinking fountain down from the upstairs back hall (at my request--rather than purchase a new one), but it was not working. It turns out that it needs parts, which are no longer available. Fortunately the City Hall has a drinking fountain which will not be used in the new construction, so they are donating it to us! The building inspector is requiring a service sink to be installed in the utility room downstairs, and that has yet to be done. Now, the only thing left to be done is to purchase the lift. The cost of the lift is \$18,631. We are trying to come up with the money for it. We have submitted grant applications to the Minnesota Historical Society, and also to Medtronics. We are presently doing alot of begging!! We also are looking into other fund-raisers.

Slate of New Officers

In some cases there is no one willing to run against the incumbent. Members present at the Annual meeting in October will vote for officers.

President- Fern Moe (incumbent)
Vice President - Warren Woods
Treasurer - Charlotte Fitzpatrick
Glenn Theorin
Secretary - Lillian Meyer (incumbent)
Directors: (Vote for two)
Fred Schultz
Jerry Manley (incumbent)
Earl Johnson (incumbent)

Write-ins are welcome for all offices.

Appreciation Thank You's

A special thankyou to Glenn Theorin, Earl Johnson and Warren Woods, who have stained and varnished the new woodwork both upstairs and downstairs, and have painted the walls and ceiling in the opening for the lift. Those walls are the height of both stories of the building!!

Also, a big thankyou to Lillian Meyer and Mary Larson for their painting help.

Jerry Manley has taken the responsibility for doing the lettering and address on the outside of the building. We appreciate that, Jerry.

Chuck Hayes recently stained and varnished the display cabinet that Rodney Johnson made for the Museum last year. Knox Lumber donated the material for that.

Jim Golden of the Sign Language Co. donated a brass sign giving credit to Knox Lumber for donating the material for the podium that Rodney Johnson made.

Do you realize how much money these donations save us? It is the cooperative effort of so many people that keeps this project going.

Front Steps

Robert Schmidt, president of the Jaycees told us last fall that he and his brother would rebuild the front steps. Wyatt Brothers have agreed to furnish the cement. In speaking with Mr. Schmidt recently he indicated that they would be completed before winter sets in this year.

Needs Before Winter

The fuel bills were too high last winter, so we need insulation for the large room downstairs. This will cut down alot on heat loss. Some broken windows need to be repaired. Screens need to be painted and maybe lined with plastic to cut down on heat loss, and protect the windows from furthur vandalism. There is still more painting to be done. We need lighted exit signs for both upstairs and downstairs. These are immediate needs.. There are many more needs that are not as urgent!!

A group of bowlers at Maple Lanes are sporting Fridley Historical Society shirts. This is just great! And we have Fred Schultz to thank. He purchased all the shirts with his own funds. Have a great year!

Programs for this coming year:

- October 3rd, 1988 - Railroads. Railroads had alot to do with bringing growth to our community. Gary Browne will be our speaker. He is well-known among railroad people as a train enthusiast, and is knowledgeable about the early train activity in our area. The Kelley family from Fridley will provide the entertainment for the evening.
- November 7th, 1988 - From Shoebox to Showcase. A program about photography preservation. Donna Martin will be our speaker. She has many good ideas about preserving photographs at the museum as well as at home.
- January 9, 1989 - Fashions of an Era. James Morehouse from the Minnesota Historical Society will bring some actual clothes from yesteryear for us to see, and will talk about the changing styles and the problems involved with dressing stylishly.
- February 6th, 1989 - We will view two short movies...one entitled Homespun, which is a story about a Swedish woman from Minnesota who raises her own animals, shears them, and spins the wool and does her own weaving. The other movie is entitled Pioneer Spinning and Weaving. Then we will look at some actual weaving by people from our community.
- March 3, 1989 - We do not have an actual meeting scheduled for March, but will have a spaghetti dinner again, like we did last year.
- April 3, 1989 - Time and Civilization, a historical perspective. Harvey Glommen, who has a Clock Shop in Spring Lake Park, will talk to us about the development of sequencing and time measuring devices, and how they are closely related to our civilization. The mechanical time keeping devices used today are a reflection of yesterdays demands and cultural development.
- May 1st, 1989 - We will view a film entitled Life on the Farm. The concern of farm families 200 years ago was simple survival. On a replica of a 1770's farm, a family of four lives as their pre-Revolutionary forebears did. From sunup to sundown they work. They haul water and produce all their food. The women card wool and spin it into thread; they cook over the open fire, the only source of heat. Father and son work in the fields and tend the animals. At night the children climb to the loft above the cabin's single room to sleep on a bed of hay. The basic human needs — food, shelter, clothing — have not changed in 200 years, but obtaining them has. Glimpses throughout the film of a modern household underlines the enormous gap in lifestyles.

According to the by-laws there are not to be any meetings through the summer months of June, July, and August. If members desire to have this changed, there must be an amendment added, proposed in writing filed with the secretary by any three members. The secretary shall notify all members in writing of the proposed amendment, and it may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the annual meeting, if a quorum is present and provided two weeks shall have elapsed after the sending of the notice. Unfortunately, there is not time this year to make a change, as the annual meeting is October 3rd.

Personally, my feeling is that until we get the building air-conditioned it is not possible to have a meeting in there in July or August. The first part of June likely would not be too warm yet. This summer, which was unusually hot, anyway, we held our August board meeting outside on the lawn!!

We realize that air-conditioning the building has to be one of the top priorities after we get our building ready to be open to the public. It is necessary for the preservation of the artifacts.



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M.H.S. Grant

We have received word that the amount of the grant that we applied for from the Minnesota Historical Society has been cut in half, and we will be receiving only \$3,750. This often happens when they receive requests from many people and have a limited amount of money to give. But this is a far cry from the \$18,631. that we need to purchase the lift. We have a few months to come up with the rest of the money for the purchase, in order to open our museum to the public next spring.

Two Board Members on the Sick List

Mary Larson, our curator, suffered a small stroke a few weeks ago, and is confined to her home, but is getting better at last report.

Jerry Manley underwent a triple bypass last Tuesday, November 8th, and we hear that he is getting along fine. We hope for an early and complete recovery for both of them.

Final Payment to K M Building Co

The Board has approved the final payment to the company that did the construction this summer. That is, after the fan in the bathroom for the handicapped is either fixed or replaced. It seems to be defective.

City Hall Donations

Because of the extensive reconstruction at the Fridley City Hall, we (F.H.S.) have been the lucky recipients of a drinking fountain and cooler, and three lighted exit signs, and they tell us that they will soon have a hot water heater for us, too. Also, in the spring there will be some extra bushes for around the Museum.

Two New Committees Formed

The F.H.S. President has appointed chair people for two new standing committees. These people will attend Board meetings, and report on their committee each time. Fred Schultz has been appointed chairman of the Local History Committee. This will be an on-going top priority committee to record current as well as past pictures and information about people and businesses in our community. Sometimes its hard to remember that current happenings are history and it is important to have someone keeping track of things and dates that will be valuable information for the future. Some day we hope to have a computer so that this information can be recorded there, but for now, we have a card file that already contains alot of information.

Charlotte Fitzpatrick has been appointed chair-person of the Fund-Raising Committee. She will research various foundations and grants that may be available to us. The Board of Directors is meeting on Monday evening, November 14th to organize a plan for the next three years so that we can set some goals for each year, and know how much money we will need, and for what. Top priority for '88-'89 is the lift and refinishing the basement room so that it can be used as a Community room, as well as a media center for the Museum. With the City Hall under construction, there is a great need for another community room in Fridley, and it would also be an income for us.

Discover Fridley Days

The Fridley Historical Society shared a table with the Community Center at the Discover Fridley Days at Northtown. It was a good chance to tell "our story", and to better acquaint the public with our goals, programs for next year, etc. Marian Anderson, Rodney Johnson, Earl Johnson, Fern Moe, Glenn Theorin, and Warren Woods took their turns at working at the booth. This took place the weekend of October 29th and 30th.

Donations Received Since September:

A big thankyou to Jim Olson of Lambert Building Center for the donation of a 8'4" X 200 ft. roll of Poly film.

Another big thankyou to Joe Klohs and Kevin Fossen of Coon Rapids Knox Lumber, Foley and University, for a considerable discount on 3M outdoor insulator kits. It was great to get the plastic and heavy screens on all the windows of the Museum to protect the windows, and surely will help on the heating bill this winter.

Another big thankyou to Walter and Gladys Mortenson for a donation of \$100. to purchase the insulation for the downstairs room.

Sherer Brothers Lumber Company has promised to donate the sheet rock for the room downstairs.

Robert Bushey, the manager of Sears Outlet donated a book of the History of Sears, Roebuck Co., and a check for \$200. of which \$50. was for a membership in the Fridley Historical Society and the rest to be used toward the purchase of the lift.

Dale Peterson donated an old Easy Washing Machine to the Museum.

Fern Moe donated her private collection of button hooks, a couple of pairs of old button-top shoes, and the display case.

Those who showed up for the Work Day on October 15th donated their time, energy and muscles to get alot of work done!! Those who helped that day were Earl Johnson, Glenn Theorin, Rodney Johnson, Jerry Manley, Chuck Hayes, Mahlon Moe, Warren Woods, Lillian Meyer and Fern Moe. Alot was accomplished!! The next Work Day is scheduled for November 25th, starting at 8 A.M.

Armistice Day Storm, November 11th, 1940

I happen to be typing this Newsletter on November 11, 1988, and so I am reminded of the snow storm on that day. How many of you remember it? Likely there were earlier snow storms that compared to it. The storm started out as a fine rainy mist; then it got colder and windy, and the mist froze and turned to snow and ice. Transportation was at a standstill. It was in the days of street cars and everybody got stranded where they were. The snowstorm covered eight mid-western states. In Minnesota alone it paralyzed most transportation and communication. It started snowing the afternoon of the 11th, and didn't quit until the 14th, leaving snow drifts five feet high. Winds were gusting up to 80 miles per hour, and the temperature dropped to near zero. South Minneapolis, and many other areas were left without electricity. Police cars were used as ambulances to take expectant mothers to the hospital. No weather reports were available because the Weather Bureau was unable to function. When the storm subsided it revealed ten thousand dollars worth of damage, consisting of wrecked buildings, uprooted trees, downed wires, and smashed windows. Snowplowing alone cost the City of Minneapolis one hundred thousand dollars. The storm took more than fifty lives. A couple of fellows that we knew had gone hunting, and were found frozen to death about a week later. They left seven young children fatherless. My sister was born on the 15th, but on the afternoon of the 14th when mother went into labor, dad started out with the team of horses and the sleigh to get the doctor. It took many days for the roads to be opened up so that we could get out with the car. I remember that the snow banks were packed with ice and snow that we could even drive the horses over them and they wouldn't sink in. Let me know what you remember about this and other snowstorms, so that I can put it in the next Newsletter.

Remember Butchering Day?

November also reminds me of butchering day, because we had to wait until the weather was cold enough so that we could leave the animal hang and the meat would not spoil, therefore, we butchered a hog and sometimes a beef in November. Dad always went deer hunting, and if he got a deer, he liked to butcher a hog to com-

with the deer meat for sausage.

Early in the morning on butchering day, a fire was built under an oil drum that we had for this purpose. It was tipped half over and half filled with water. This water was heated nearly to boiling. Then came the time to shoot the pig. I would always run to my bedroom and stop my ears with my pillow, because I didn't like to hear that part. The hogs jugular vein was pierced to bleed the animal, and then the hog was dipped into the hot water by using a pulley contraption hanging from a near-by tree. The hide was scraped until most of the hair was off, and then it was hung from the tree while it was cleaned out. Mother was always there with a pan for the heart and liver, and our first meal from the animal was usually the liver. Mother made headcheese, pickled pigs feet, besides smoking the hams and bacon. The lard was ground and rendered in the oven. The sausages were usually fried, and packed in jars, covered with lard and sealed. We did not have freezers. It was a long, hard day of work, but it seemed that my parents had a sense of satisfaction after it was over and the meat was "in store" again.

Members of the Fridley Historical Society - 1988

Charlotte Skurich 571-6000
Mary Larson
Marian R. Anderson
Walter & Gladys Mortensen (2)
Don & Mary Jo Savelkoul (2) - 70
American Legion Fridley Post #303 6pm
Maple Lanes Bowling
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Madsen (1)
Norlan & Olive Lee (1)
Mahlon & Fern Moe (2)
Pearl L. Hicks
Charlie & Pat Johanson (1)
Minco Products, Inc.
Earl S. Johnson - 421-3550
Glenn E. Theorin
Fridley State Bank
Fred & Delores Schultz (2)
Frank & Elizabeth Frischmon (1)
William C. Hunt
Wm. & Vi Gottwaldt (1)
Ardeth Chesney
Edith M. Thompson
Jerry & Marilyn Manley (2)
Betty M. Hendrickson
Edward & Marlene Andryski (1) pis
Gladys Anderson
Ludwig & Edna Ask (2) 55
John & Lillian Meyer (2)
Charles & Gloria Hayes (2)
Edward & Charlotte Fitzpatrick (2)

Rodney & Harriet Johnson (2)
Ernest & Margaret Powell (2)
Warren & Karen Woods (1)
Shorewood Inn
Shirley (Johnson) Bingham
Esther Campbell 786-0
Raymond & Christine Gerrety (2)
Jack & Corine Kirkham (2)
Julia C. Anderson
Jean Nelson
Irvin & Jeanne Peter (1)
Roger Schmaus
John F. Jagger
Mary Van Dan
Margit Toner
Ron & Marge Bloom (1)
Jerry & Deborah Johnson (1)
Paula Neuman-Scott
Fridley Jaycees
William Costello
Lions Club, Fridley
Alice Benson
Norma Johnson
Sears Outlet Store
Fridley V.F.W. #363
Ed Berntson
Don & Susan Blakeslee (1)
Church of St. William
Bob's Produce Ranch

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

Yearly dues: Individual = \$10.; Club and Church = \$20.; Business = \$50.
Mail to Fridley Historical Society, 611 Mississippi St., Fridley, Mn. 55432

With individual memberships, from now on, if only one membership is paid, only one person will be considered a member. It is not a family membership.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Fridley Historical Society Museum
Monday, Sept. 12, 1988

Present: Gloria Hayes, Jerry Manley, Fern Moe, Marion Anderson, Glenn Theorin, Earl Johnson, Mary Larson, Warren Woods, and Lillian Meyer.

Absent: Leon Madsen.

The meeting was called to order by President, Fern Moe, at 6:30 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: On page 2, 6th paragraph, Painting on shaft: Johnson, Theorin, & Manley Woods.....
Manley moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Seconded by Johnson.
Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Woods gave his report:

Balance on hand-Savings Account-August 15, 1988	\$7,006.38
" " " Operating " " " "	1,452.43

<u>Deposits:</u> Transfer from Savings Account	\$3809.58
2 memberships	20.00
2 caps sold	10.00
	<u>\$3839.58</u>

<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Postage (L. Meyer)	\$22.75
K.M. Bldg. Construction	\$3809.58
Northern States Power	10.91
Paint-Nelson's Paints	156.55
	<u>\$3999.79</u>

Balance on hand-Operating Account-Sept. 12, 1988	\$1292.22
Savings account interest \$43.71	
Balance on hand-Savings Account-Sept. 12, 1988	\$3240.21
The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.	

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Calling Committee-Anderson and Hayes have made calls for tonight's meeting.
Public Relations-Nothing done.
Curator-Larson had no report.
Nominating Chair: Anderson and her committee have done their contacting and have a slate of candidates for the membership to vote on at the annual meeting.
Paint crew: Larson, Moe, and Meyer will paint the lower level bathroom.

Correspondence: Insurance for the Museum is due in Nov.
Moe has sent letters to the Spring Lake Park Lion's Club and the Spring Lake Park VFW requesting monetary donations.

OLD BUSINESS:

Construction: On Sept. 1st the contractor and the architect did a walk thru inspection of the Museum. Leon Madsen was to have joined them. There were several areas that needed to be finished: in the office, sanding & patching the wall area; in the entry the threshold needs trim; in the storage room new dry wall needs to be sanded, and in the mechanical room, the service sink needs to be installed. All of these items are to be taken care of by the contractor.

Front steps: Bob Schmidt promised to start right away with the repairs, as his schedule will now allow him the time to do the work.

Lighted exit sign: We will not do anything with this for now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moe has sent a grant application to Medtronic along with a copy of our financial statement.

The contractor for the bridge over Rice Creek at E. River Road has found some streetcar tracks and asked if we would like them. Meyer and Moe will meet with the contractor to look at them.

Woods will attend the Mn. Historical Society Grant meeting on Oct. 18, 1988.

Moe purchased 2 take-up reels from the Anoka County Library at \$2 each.

On Oct. 29 & 30 Northtown Shopping Center will feature "Discover Fridley". Should we have a booth there? Larson will check with the Fridley Schools to see if we can share a booth with them.

Our Annual Meeting will be Oct. 3rd. It will feature Railroad Night.

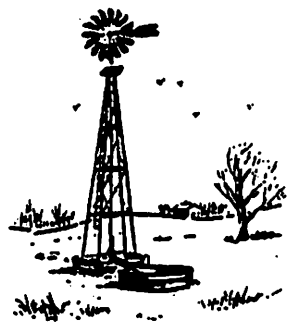
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Meyer

Lillian Meyer, Secretary

Board meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. Oct. 3, 1988.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Fridley Historical Society Museum
Monday, October 3, 1988

Present: Jerry Manley, Marion Anderson, Glenn Theorin, Mary Larson, Warren Woods, Earl Johnson, Fern Moe, Gloria Hayes, and Lillian Meyer.

Absent: Leon Madsen.

The meeting was called to order by President, Fern Moe, at 6:10 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Correction on page 1, 3rd paragraph: Fern Moe, at ~~6:30~~ p.m. should read 6:00 p.m. Hayes moved, seconded by Manley that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Meyer noted an error in addition on Sept. report. Balance on hand Savings Account Sept. 12, 1988 corrected from ~~\$3240.21~~ to \$3240.51. Treasurer Woods gave his report:

Balance on hand-Savings Account-Sept. 12, 1988	\$3,240.51
" " " Operating " " "	1,292.22

Deposits: 1 cap sale \$5.00

Disbursements:

Minnegasco	\$6.36
Film Rental	
U of Mn.	14.75
2 movie reels	
(F. Moe)	4.00
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	\$25.11

Balance on hand -Operating Account- Oct. 4, 1988	\$1,272.11
" " " Savings " " "	3,263.71

The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

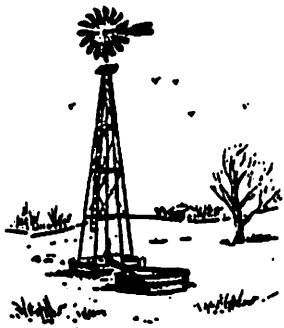
Public Relations: Moe sent an article for the Focus Newspapers.

Calling Committee: Hayes reported that Andryski's phone has been disconnected. Woods gave the committee new membership lists for 1988.

Curator: Larson reported she has talked with Community Schools re sharing their booth at the Northtown Shopping Center's "Discover Fridley" event. She will keep us posted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Construction: The Building Inspector, Darryl Clark, sent a letter noting things that need to be taken care of in the Museum. They are: 1) Reduce the sill height at the back entrance to ½". 2) There need to be 6 exit signs in the building. These do not have to be lighted since we have emergency lighting. 3) Install a water heater, drinking fountain and a service sink. 4) Provide an



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REGULAR MEETING
Fridley Historical Museum
October 3, 1988

Present:	Marion Anderson	Warren Woods
	Gloria Hayes	Charles Hayes
	Kathryn Castle	Bill Champa
	Lillian Meyer	Gladys Mortensen
	Walter Mortensen	Ernie Powell
	Rod Johnson	Harriet Johnson
	Fern Moe	Jerry Manley
	Ludwig Ask	Edna Ask
	Gladys Anderson	DeLoris Schultz
	Julia Anerson	Jean Nelson
	Charie Johanson	Jack Kirkham
	Mahlon Moe	Earl Johnson
	Glenn Theorin	

The meeting was called to order by President, Fern Moe, at 7:30 p.m.

The Kelley Family entertained, playing railroad songs, and other music. The 2 daughters and the son all played violin. The elder daughter is in middle school and the younger two are in elementary school. Members seemed to enjoy the presentation enormously.

Gary Browne, a train enthusiast, spoke to us about the railroad. He spoke about its hey-day and on to its demise. He commented on how this all came about.

Following the program, there was election of officers.

Members were invited to share refreshments and goodies.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Meyer, Secretary

The results of the election were:

President:	Fern Moe
Vice-President:	Warren Woods
Secretary:	Lillian Meyer
Treasurer:	Glenn Theorin
Directors:	Jerry Manley
	Earl Johnson