

Fridley Historical Society (FHS) Board Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2025

Topic	Minutes		
Members Present	Pat Barrett, Mark Bonesteel, Dorothy Gargaro, Mary Ann Hoffman, Lori Greiner, David Linton, Mary Sue Meyers, Kathy Smith, Al Taylor, Rachel Westhoff, and Rob Zelenak		
Calendar of Events	January 10 (Friday)	Newsletter Submissions	-
	February 6 (Thursday)	Board Meeting	6 PM
	February 15 (Saturday)	Valentines Bingo	11 AM – 2 PM
Secretary's Report	The motion to approve the December 5 th minutes was made by Mary Ann and seconded by Rachel. Motion carried.		
Financial Summary Report	Financial report was reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Rob and seconded by Mary Sue. Motion carried. Dave informed us that the bills are now on autopay so there would not be any overdue payments.		
Newsletter Discussion for Jan 2025	The deadline for newsletter submissions to Rachel is January 10 th . It was determined that there could be more than four newsletters a year. Key topics for this newsletter will be Valentine Bingo, Kindergarten Art Fair. It was determined that the board minutes will be summarized for the newsletter. The abbreviated board minutes will be posted on the website. Mark would like a logo that states 40 th anniversary on the newsletter. He indicated that this could be something simple.		
Membership Summary	We have 155 members. Total deposits made were \$1,809.50 made by seventeen members. Al and Dorothy will reach out to the people who came to the Kindergarten Art Fair asking them to join. Mark indicated only five people gave their address, Al said he could look the addresses up.		
Early Fridley Grant Update	Mary Ann has started to write up the grant proposal. We will ask for \$50K. The draft is due by the end of May. We should know if we will receive the grant by September. Mark said that he asked Steve Boyd-Smith that he would like any exhibit to be moveable. Prior to any exhibit, the plan is to replace the carpet as the current carpet is over 30 years old. Mary Ann and Mark will decide the size and where the exhibit will be placed.		
Maintenance Summary	Al said that the wax seal in the upstairs bathroom can be repaired by him and Mark, but the real issue is the sewer pipe running from the upstairs bathroom downstairs. He thought the sealant may be the problem – it is 90 years old. Tom G. will be contacted to look before a plumber is called out. Mark said that Tom G. will be putting in another railing on the other side of the steps going downstairs and in the middle of the steps outside the front door. Maintenance to the sewer line will be scheduled. This needs to be done every three years.		
Archives and Exhibits Summary	Mark displayed an old Fridley Gas Mask that once had been used. Rob requested that everyone notify him as Chair when something is donated as he is the Chair and needs to play an active role. Other topics discussed were cleaning up the archive room which Mark indicated he and Rob would do. Rob would like to do a display of all the Mayors of Fridley. Mark would like to get rid of the Pipe Organ upstairs and one of the radios to make room for items that are related to Fridley.		
Social Media Update	Mark has some pictures that are somewhere in the archive room that he will give to Pat to post on Facebook. Rob indicated that he deactivated his Facebook account so he can no longer post on behalf of the center. Rob also		

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	said that once the Center gets a laptop he will be able to do more YouTube video editing and posting.
Elevator/Lift Discussion	<p>Mark is working with Scott Lund and has submitted to Scott the request for elevator funding via the Lions. The Lyons will meet on Tuesday to decide what organizations they allocate funds – it then goes for a full member vote at the end of the month. Fridley School District cannot help with any funding. We received \$3,900 donations from our members.</p> <p>A vote was taken to approve Access Lifts for Lift replacement. Motion to approve was made by Mary Sue and seconded by Mary Ann. Motion was approved.</p>
Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are still issues with the Alarm system. Mark will be calling them next week. • Before the Valentine Bingo session, Mark would like to move the desk over to the West wall so we can start to interview the older Fridley residents. The large mural on the East Wall must be moved to the West wall. • Rachel asked who should respond to website comments. It was determined that Rob would reach out to the people. • For safety purposes, it was suggested that two people be present when meeting people during off hours. • Lori requested that you use her loriFridley2@outlook.com email address.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM. Respectfully submitted by Kathy Smith, Board Secretary