

Fridley Historical Society (FHS) Board Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2025

Topic	Minutes		
Members Present	Rachel Westhoff, Dave Linton, Rob Zelenak, Mary Ann Hoffman, Dorothy Gargaro, Mary Sue Meyers, Al Taylor, Mark Bonesteel		
Calendar of Events	May 3 (Saturday)	Open House	11 AM – 3 PM
	October (Saturday)	Pasta Dinner Fundraiser	Time TBA
Secretary's Report	Motion to approve: Dave Linton Seconded: Al Taylor		
Financial Summary Report	Motion to approve: Rob Zelenak Seconded: Mary Ann Hoffman		
Membership	22 renewals in February, 2 new members, 160 total members		
Early Fridley Grant Update	Mary Ann Hoffman reported that she is continuing investigating what is needed for the July deadline for the next phase of the grant. Kathy Smith expressed interest in helping Mary Ann formulate letters for matching funds for the grants.		
Newsletter	Deadline for content submission is March 14, 2025 with an early April mailing. The quantity printed will be increased to 225. A 40 th year logo will be in the April issue.		
Maintenance Report	Al Taylor reported that the toilet downstairs was repaired and an exterminator sprayed. The outdoor MN state flag grommet came out and the flag will be replaced.		

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Special Events	Mary Sue Meyers reported that she's in the process of obtaining a license for the raffle tickets for this year's dinner and raffle event.
Special Archives Discussion	Rob Zelenak reported that the museum's YouTube channel now has 26 videos uploaded and there are 82 subscribers. He uploaded a video of a house being built in Melody Manor in the 1960s. The archive room has been cleaned up. The time capsule will be sealed on May 3, 2025.
Elevator Update	The elevator company will be ordering parts and will have to remove the already existing elevator prior to installation. Mark Bonesteel reported that he doesn't anticipate the elevator being done in time for the museum to reopen in April. He recommended the museum opens on May 3, 2025.

Office Setup	The new office space downstairs is set up.
Open Forum	The museum plans on participating in Fridley's city-wide garage sale June 6-7, 2025. Mary Ann Hoffman reported that her trivia night will take place March 15, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m. Submitted by Rachel Westhoff, Newsletter Chair