

June 11, 2026

Guest Speaker:

Abdilaahi (AJ) Jama (ref fundraising)

- donate a cup of coffee to the museum

- small donations matter

- targeted ads (video algorithms sent through social media)

>>>>tags used, people want to know where their money is going to

- donations through Fridley Facebook groups

- merchandise for the museum

- high school art show, rum river art center

- possibly Instagram - and then crosspost on YouTube shorts

Monthly Financial Report

MTA: Rob Zelenak

2nd: Mary Sue Meyers

Secretary's Report

MTA: Mary Ann Hoffman

2nd: David Linton

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser / Events

- Mary Sue wants to set a date for 2027 HOF

- HOF nominations deadline in Jan 2027

Newsletter Discussion

- August 10th deadline

- Mark's article about Totino's teardown

- Pasta Dinner upcoming

Grant Update and Discussion

- Following the May 11 Engagement meeting, it was reiterated that the planned permanent exhibit will focus on two eras: mid-century Fridley when suburbanization and rapid growth occurred, and post-2000 Fridley when many demographic changes occurred.

- \$2k matching grants wouldn't be allowed to be used for new flooring for the museum but there is an option for submitting an amendment to that grant

Archives & Comm Report

- Leon Madsen was interviewed and the video is up on YouTube

- Sara Given will be coming to the museum in June to discuss a podcast episode on Manomin history for the History 21 podcast

-nurse wants to donate old first aid kits from the elementary school

Maintenance Report

cracks in the outside wall

school district has no money to fix door. Will get moved to next year's budget

Social Media Update

N/A

Discussion of Building Rental Request

-lease language prohibits use of political fundraising

Membership Report

139 members

22 expired members

3 deceased members

Fridley 49er Parade Update

July 16 (parade)

FHS is registered for the parade

Fridley 250th City Celebration

June 22 - Fridley is celebrating 250th anniversary at city hall ~ 6:30 pm

Docent Schedule

Open Forum

third grader - many misbehaving students

Mark suggested bringing artifacts to the classroom, rather than having them come to the museum

possibly move the date to earlier in the year

next meeting logo discussion