

Fridley Historical Society (FHS) Board Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2025

Topic	Minutes		
Members Present	In attendance: Rachel Westhoff, Mark Bonesteel, Mary Ann Hoffman, Mary Sue Meyers, Dave Linton, Al Taylor		
Calendar of Events	December 13 (Saturday) 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Kindergarten Art Fair	
Secretary's Report	Motion to approve by Al, seconded by Mary Sue		
Membership Report	29 renewal memberships. Betty Ann Addison is paid through 2028. 147 paid in 2026 and beyond, 26 expired memberships from 2024 and 2025. 12 members have upcoming renewals for later this year. New members: Mary Ann Mattson, Pat Pearson, Linda Kaphing. Four member deaths: Margaret Taylor, Arlene Hamernik, Alice Ganter, Jerry Johnson		
Financial Summary Report	Motion to approve by Mary Ann, seconded by Rachel		
Early Fridley History Grant Update	Mary Ann received an email from the MNHS that the committee HRAC was meeting Nov 6 and 7 and will recommend the grant award winners. The grant recipients will be announced in December.		
Discussion of Pasta Dinner results and ideas for the future	Al reported that expenses were cut down by \$1,000 compared to previous years. The games were a hit. Suggestion of adjusting the pricing for the games next year. The number of prizes was debated. Mary Ann remarked how many of the prizes came from the board members. To help speed up the raffle, ticket numbers won't be read (only names) for next year. It was suggested to keep the gifts anonymous next year.		
Archives, Exhibits, and Communications Update	Nothing to report, Rob not present.		
Newsletter Update	November 14 th deadline. Mark will write up the four member deaths and annual meeting recap, the upcoming Kindergarten Art Fair, pasta dinner recap and thank you to sponsors and generous board members, Fridley grant interview, back page reminder to pay 2025 dues.		
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Maintenance Update	Utilities doing well, thermostats are lowered when no one present, back door bought. Tom will install door before Thanksgiving. Professional mold testing will be performed after the K Art Fair. The radon test will be sent in at the end of November. The K Art Fair clean up list was passed around.		
Discussion of Charter change related to date of Annual Meeting	Mark proposed changing the bylaws about the date of the annual meeting.		

Kindergarten Art Fai	Mary Sue discussed the quantity of cookies. Al will contact Joe Rickenbach to help assist with treat table. A small corner will be set aside to sells Christmas items.
Open Forum	Mark reported that the current Fridley 49er committee asked if anyone in the FHS would be able to volunteer or the event in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Submitted by Rachel Westhoff, Newsletter Chair and Interim Secretary