

Fridley Historical Society (FHS) Board Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2025

Topic	Minutes		
Members Present	In attendance: Dave Linton, Al Taylor, Mary Ann Hoffman, Rob Zelenak, Dorothy Gargaro, Rachel Westhoff, Mark Bonesteel		
Calendar of Events	December 14 (Saturday)	Kindergarten Art Fair	
Approve Liability Coverage Waiver	Motion to approve by Al, seconded by Mary Ann		
Secretary's Report	Motion to approve by Dave, seconded by Al		
Membership Report	Three members have passed away. 112 members have paid their 2026 dues, including 3 for 2027. 20 members expire before the end of the year. They are current as of now. 37 members are expired by either one or more years. Not much response from the special notice put into certain expired membership newsletters. The city hall received one of the newsletters.		
Financial Summary Report	Motion to approve by Rob, seconded by Mary Ann		
Early Fridley History Grant Update	Mary Ann reported no new updates.		
Discussion of Annual Meeting Agenda	The Board discussed the details of the upcoming annual meeting agenda. October 13, 2025 ~ 6pm. Will eat till 6:30-6:45. Potluck dinner will be served. Board members will arrive at 5:15pm to help set up. Board members Dorothy, Al, Rob, Mary Ann H will be up for renewal.		
Fall Fundraising Update for our Annual Pasta Dinner	Al thanked the board for their involvement with the pasta dinner. He dispersed the agenda and raffle prize list/description of games. Coffee, water, and punch will be served. Jacob Taylor will bring ice. There will be approximately 13 in-house prizes. Discussion about future fundraising efforts was mentioned, along with this event being a time where members can get caught up on their overdue membership dues. Newsletters will be handed out to guests who are not members.		
Archives, Exhibits, and Communications	Rob reported no new updates		
Newsletter Update	November 14 continues to be the content deadline. Pasta Dinner recap, annual meeting recap, obituaries for recently passed members, the upcoming Kindergarten fair, and Mary Ann's Fridley Grant article.		
Maintenance Update	Al reported that Tom Gamms will measure the back door. Mark installed a larger new flag. In November the radon will be checked on and sent in for inspection. Rachel reported that she got in touch with Betty Ann Addison, and they discussed the idea of planting large hydrangeas by the outdoor stairs.		
Open Forum	Mark will be writing a letter to the Friends of Fridley Education Foundation for possible funding.		

Submitted by Rachel Westhoff, Newsletter Chair and Interim Secretary