

Friends of Neil M Ross
Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 25, 2025 - 7pm
Staff Room & Virtual Link

In Attendance: Becky Prud'homme, Carrie Slater, Nadine Hnatiw, Jenn Kluthe, Gillian Hansen Schmidt, Elicia Galesloot and Marissa MacDuff (online).

1. Call to order @ 7:13pm
2. Additions to the September 2025 Agenda - Cookie House to be added to New business.
3. Approval of the September 2025 Agenda, Motion made by Gillian to approve the agenda, seconded by Jenn.
4. Approval of the May 2025 Minutes - Motion made by Gillian with a change of date for the Halloween dance from November to October, seconded by Elicia.
5. Treasurer's report -

Funds on Deposit		
Opening Balance September 1, 2025		34,874.58
Add: General Donations		0.00
Add: Interest Payment		0.00
Add: Active Fundraiser Deposits		0.00
Add: Passive Fundraiser Deposit	Mabels Labels	53.15
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	Write-On Stationery	397.47
	Kona Ice	216.00
Add: Other Deposit		0.00
Less: School Initiatives	Playground bins	391.49
Less: Invoices Payable		0.00
Less: Operating Expenses		0.00
Less: Fundraiser Expenses		0.00
Bank Balance at September 25, 2025		35,223.63
Undeposited Funds		0.00
Outstanding Cheques/Expenses		

6. Tracking hours: Please if you are doing any volunteer work for friends track how many hours it takes you, so that we can keep track of each individual event and how many volunteer hours it takes to put on.
7. Council/admin updates:
 - a. SeeSaw Motioned June 2025 - It was motioned (by email) back in June to spend \$3,063.75 on SeeSaw for the year.

- b. Playground Update - Community Capital Grant Program, it went to the City Council and it was awarded in the sum of \$100,000.

Another grant has been submitted under the small stream category, it can take up to six months for a ruling (March 2026), the total amount that has been requested is \$125,000. The next steps are to work with KPA and friends of NMR to ramp up playground specific fundraising with a goal of phase 3 construction in July/August 2026. A visual of the proposed design will be made up for viewing following consultation and revision with the two shortlisted suppliers. Additionally we will have a sponsorship/corporate donation matter available in the next few weeks.

8. Old business:

- a. Kona Ice (June 2025) - This made \$216
- b. Pedalheads (June 2025) we are waiting to hear from them if we will be receiving a cheque and if so how much for.
- c. Dance - October 24th - The DJ will be \$750, motion made by Gillian to spend no more than \$2500 on the dance (including the DJ), seconded by Elicia. It was decided to use simply events website for online ticket sales. It was discussed and decided to raise the price of the tickets to \$9 a ticket, the website will take 92 cents per ticket, so the profit will be \$8.02 per ticket, this was motioned by Gillian, seconded by Jenn. There will be \$200 in prizes, these will be split into 20 \$10 gift cards. We will only be able to get access to the gym after school. 500 maximum for ticket sales.

9. New Business:

- a. 50/50 raffle - This will happen at the dance, it will all be done on that one night and will be done on a website using a QR code for the link to it.
- b. Art cards -These are already being worked on in class they will be xmas cards.
- c. Taste of Ukraine/Widynowski's - This takes place in November time, we do not have any order forms for this yet.
- d. Purdy's: This will take place in April (Easter)
- e. Spell-a-thon: The teachers voted against a Math/spell-a-thon.
- f. Other fundraising ideas - Cookie House lady - She can come in and do a 2 hour event, where she will take a picture of you and then print it onto a cookie. She charges \$5 a cookie and we would get \$1 profit. Maybe we could do it for the Kinder or grade 6 farewell.
- g. Meeting schedule: Nov 20th, Jan 15th, April 9th and May 28th.
- h. Healthy Hunger: There will be \$7,740.70 transferred from healthy hunger profits to friends for the 2024/2025 year.

10. Meeting adjourned @ 8:28pm