



ANNUAL MEETING – Tuesday, October 8, 2024
Arbor Good Neighbor House, 2509 McDivitt Road, Madison, WI 53713

Board Member Attendees: Jackie Bastyr Cooper, Sheri Carter, Aaron Eicher, Lisa Fernandez, Chuck Friedrichs, Ashley Gibson, Nanci Horn, Cathy Means

I. President's Report & Bylaw Vote: Ashley Gibson, AHNA President

- A. Thank You To:
 - 1. Individuals who volunteered over the past year
 - 2. Pastor Peter Morris and the Arbor Good Neighbor House community for allowing us to use this space
 - 3. Block captains for delivering newsletters and welcoming new neighbors
 - 4. Fellow board members for volunteering their time to run the association
- B. Event Recap
 - 1. Magnets – new this year
 - 2. Some great turnouts this year!
- C. Grants – We were able to give two 1-time grants, pulling from our savings, while still leaving over one year's operating budget in our savings account
 - 1. Arbor Good Neighbor House (Essentials Pantry): \$1,000
 - 2. West High School Scholarships: Two \$500 scholarships to seniors
- D. Working with the City of Madison and other organizations to solve, or advocate for, issues/concerns, including:
 - 1. Removal of shoes from a phone line on Todd Drive (contacted MG&E)
 - 2. Participated in City hearing regarding liquor license application for gas station on the frontage road (given past issues with crime at that location)
 - 3. Raised issues at the park with the City and saw them to resolution – graffiti, broken swing, broken Little Free Library
- E. Membership and Budget
 - 1. Membership below goal (159 members, goal was 185)
 - 2. Takeaway: talk to neighbors, pass the word, be an advocate to become a member
- F. 2025 Newsletter
 - 1. Described new format – black and white interior, full color front and back (instead of full color throughout)
 - 2. Discussed new delivery – USPS (Every Door Direct Mail). This option will allow us to continue to deliver to most homes while removing the work for block captains and helping with timely delivery. Will resolve some issues we have had with newsletters not being delivered or board members having to deliver many of them.

3. Block captains will still have one delivery at the beginning of the year (magnets and remittance envelopes)
- G. Communication (ways to stay in touch)
 1. Send out reminders via: Facebook, website (arborhills.org), emails
- H. Bylaw Update Proposals
 1. Bylaw changes:
 - a. Remove the role of membership coordinator: The work of sending confirmations to paying members and tracking membership payments has been absorbed by the Treasurer.
 - b. Remove newsletter distribution from the Block Captain Coordinator's responsibilities: We will move to a USPS mailing, so this is no longer necessary.
 2. Motions to approve the bylaws:
 - a. First motion to approve: Sheri Carter
 - b. Second motion to approve: Everett Chadwick
 - c. Motion passed

II. Treasurer's Report & Budget Vote: Jackie Bastyr Cooper, Treasurer

- A. 2024 Budget
 1. Overall, we will end 2024 with a balanced budget thanks to extra contributions from members
 2. Overages
 - a. Event magnets
 - b. "Thank you" postcards
 - c. Paid Mailchimp option
 - d. Porta potties for Make Music Madison
- B. Advertising
 1. Advertising income is down
- C. Membership
 1. Membership numbers are down: 159 members, goal was 185
 2. Exceeded income brought in for membership due to members paying \$30 or \$50 or more for dues (added new tiers); thank you to all members!
- D. 2025 Budget Proposal
 1. Reduced membership goal to 165
 2. Increased advertising budget
 3. Removed liability insurance
- E. Motions to Approve the Budget
 1. First motion to approve: Jim Cortada
 2. Second motion to approve: Nanci Horn
 3. Motion passed

III. AHNA Board Member Elections: Sheri Carter, Member at Large

- A. Running for 2025-2026 Term
 1. President: Ashley Gibson
 2. Block Captain Coordinator: Chuck Friedrichs
 3. Communications Coordinator: Cathy Means
 4. Member at Large: Lisa Fernandez
 5. Member at Large: Nanci Horn

- B. Motion to Elect
 - 1. First motion to approve: Jolene Chadwick
 - 2. Second motion to approve: Tony Milanowski
 - 3. Motion passed
- C. For reference – the following positions were not up for election (will continue to serve the 2024-2025 term):
 - 1. Treasurer: Jackie Bastyr Cooper
 - 2. Events Coordinator: Aaron Eicher
 - 3. Member at Large: Sheri Carter
 - 4. Member at Large: Caroline Thompson
- D. The Following Positions Are Open:
 - 1. Vice-President: OPEN. Looking for an interim VP to run for 1-year term
 - 2. Newsletter: OPEN. Seeking someone to run for 2025-2026 term

IV. Arbor Good Neighbor House Updates: Pastor Peter Morris

- A. Working to Make Community Connections
 - 1. Creek Day School continues to operate here
 - 2. Supports refugee community
 - 3. Good Neighbor House Personal Essentials pantry
 - 4. Repair café – where “handy” folks help others fix stuff; hope to make this a quarterly event and always looking for more volunteers!
 - 5. Music benefit December 7 (will be asking for a donation at the door; there will be snacks!)
- B. Contact Pastor Peter Morris if you are interested in using the Arbor Good Neighbor House to host community events, courses, etc.

V. Leopold Community School Updates: Marisa Flowers, Leopold Principal

- A. Marisa Flowers has been at Leopold for 3 years; this is her second year as Principal; School Features:
 - 1. Leopold is a community school
 - 2. Dual language immersion program
 - 3. Accelerating literacy growth
 - 4. Focus on peer-to-peer connection
 - 5. Retention of staff has increased
- B. Volunteer Opportunities
 - 1. Community Walk (had a flyer regarding the walk)
 - 2. Volunteer at Leopold

VI. District 4 Updates: Matt Veldran, District 4 Supervisor

- A. Updates
 - 1. County budget weeks early; affected by city, state, federal surplus monies
 - 2. Surplus due to leftover COVID monies
 - 3. Please keep leaves out of street

VII. South District Madison Police Department Updates: Captain Harrison Zanders

- A. Captain Zanders asked attendees for their concerns

1. Speeding and going through stop signs
 2. Cars vandalized while parked in driveway
 3. Fireworks/crackers going off
- B. Overall, crime is down (including violent crime)
1. Be proactive
 - a. If you see or hear something, say something
 - b. Protect your own property (had Property Crime – Prevent It postcards)
 2. Captain Zanders discussed juveniles arranging fights
 - a. He is working with response teams, Leopold School, parents, etc. to decrease the occurrence of fights
 - b. We need partnerships to start discussing the root causes
 3. Migrant and immigration population
 - a. Be careful about conversations; don't be so quick to judge, please be kind to neighbors

VIII. Adjourn

- A. Motions to Adjourn the Annual Meeting
1. First motion to adjourn: Lisa Fernandez
 2. Second motion to adjourn: Bob Alt
 3. Motion passed