



BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, January 13, 2026
Culver's, 2102 West Beltline Highway, Madison, WI 53713

Attendees: Jackie Bastyr Cooper, Jeff Buhrandt, Lisa Fernandez, Erich George, Ashley Gibson, Nanci Horn, Cathy Means, Caroline Thompson

Approved absences: Sheri Carter, Chuck Friedrichs

I. Guest – Representative Renuka Mayadev

- A. State Representative Mayadev introduced herself to the board members. She is the Democratic State Representative for Wisconsin's 77th Assembly District (which includes downtown and central Madison, UW-Madison areas, and parts of the near west side). Representative Mayadev took office on January 6, 2025, and her term runs through January 4, 2027.
- B. Discussion
 - 1. Representative Mayadev would like to stay connected with the AHNA and is interested in attending some of the neighborhood's events to meet people
 - 2. Ashley described the AHNA (building community, the newsletter, our events, and annual meeting)

II. Approval of November Meeting Minutes – Cathy

First motion to approve: Jeff

Second motion to approve: Jackie

Motion Passes

III. Treasurer's & Membership Report – Jackie

- A. Membership
 - 1. To date, membership is at 62 – doing well!
- B. Budget
 - 1. The budget is looking good; discussed the following:
 - a. Invoices have been sent out to all advertisers
 - b. Expenses for 2025 events was way under budget, and maybe we can spend more on events in 2026 (?)
 - c. Talked to the bank about getting a CD (a possibility for the future)
 - d. Envelopes: Is this worth the cost as not many are used; discussion will be brought up at the October annual meeting

Follow-up: Ashley will discuss grant amounts at the February board meeting.

Follow-up: Jackie to schedule an appointment to conduct an audit.

IV. Events – Erich

- A. Recap Holiday Lights Contest
 - 1. The winners are:

- a. 1st place: 3222 Heatherdell Lane (Adam & Shannon Riddle)
- b. 2nd place: 3002 Post Road (Keith & Laurie Triller)
- c. 3rd place: 2910 Nottingham Way (Jim & Cindy Matzinger)

2. New criteria
 - a. More categories are needed; Jackie discussed the new criteria

B. Review Proposed 2026 Event Dates

1. Review and finalize as soon as possible so the magnets can be developed and sent out; proposed event dates:
 - a. April 25 Earth Day Clean-up
 - b. May 21 Food Truck
 - c. June 10 End of School Party
 - d. June 21 Make Music Madison
 - e. July 4 Parade and Cookout
 - f. August 20 Food Truck
 - g. September 17 Food Truck
 - h. October 13 Annual Meeting
 - i. October 24 Trunk or Treat
 - j. December (exact date TBD) Holiday Decorating
 - k. *Are we adding garage sale to the list?*
2. Erich discussed the possibility of adding a “game night” (e.g., bags/cornhole) to one of the food truck nights; this may also be a fundraiser (?)
3. An additional food truck night at the Arbor Good Neighbor House may be added (it would be named something other than food truck)

Follow-up: Lisa will discuss with the AGHN Board the idea of hosting a food truck night.

V. Neighborhood Grant – All

- A. Closing Out Requirements for 2025 Grant to Receive Funds
 1. Ashley submitted the closeout summary report
- B. Should We Apply for 2026? Ideas for Projects?
 1. Jeff (thank you!) volunteered to submit the 2026 application
 2. Ideas for future projects:
 - a. Newsletter in Spanish (to engage Spanish-speaking individuals)

Follow-up: Erich and Jeff to look into the possibility of this project.

Follow-up: Lisa will bring this up with the AGNH Board during their meeting in late January.

- C. Informational Meeting January 14
 1. Jeff is able to attend

VI. Neighborhood Survey – All

- A. Review Questions from Last Year and Determine What We Want to Ask This Year
 1. Questions from last year’s survey were reviewed and edits/changes made

VII. Spring Newsletter – Ashley

- A. Articles Due from Writers February 7; Mailed by March 13
 1. Jackie mentioned a few new items:
 - a. Gardening article
 - b. Madison Public Market
 - c. Fitchburg Family Clinic

Follow-up: Caroline to write an article about Thad Schumacher and the Fitchburg Family Clinic (for the *Know Your Neighbor* feature).

- B. Discuss Plans for Advertiser Outreach and Payment
- C. Contents:
 - 1. Announce holiday decorations contest winners
 - 2. Remembering Arbor Hills residents who have passed (Larry Kraak, others?)
 - 3. List of board members
 - 4. Survey
 - 5. 2026 event dates
 - 6. Would anyone like to write a Know Your Neighbor article (Caroline to do) and/or a restaurant review?

VIII. Adjourn

First motion to adjourn: Erich

Second motion to adjourn: Nanci

Motion passes