



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