



**BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, August 13, 2025**  
**Culver's, 2102 West Beltline Highway, Madison, WI 53713**

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

Approved absence: Caroline Thompson

**I. Introductions – Jeff Buhrandt, Erich George, Elise Gresch**

**II. Leopold PFO (Parent Faculty Organization) – Elise Gresch**

A. School Features

1. District's largest elementary school
2. Diverse school
3. A community school which provides services, programs, etc. to children and families (more than just a school)
4. Includes two programs: English, and dual-language immersion

B. Goal

1. Build community and connect families with each other

C. Requests for Assistance from the Board/Community

1. They need volunteers (for as much time as people can give)
2. Elise will develop a list of volunteer opportunities and resources needed; we can advertise this list in the newsletter, and offer a handout at events

**III. Approval of June Meeting Minutes – Cathy**

First motion to approve: Sheri

Second motion to approve: Lisa

*Motion Passes*

**IV. Treasurer's & Membership Report – Jackie**

A. Membership

1. Membership is at 135 (goal is 165)
2. There will be more discussion regarding member recruitment after the new membership year starts

**Follow-up:** Chuck will review the Welcome Packet and contact Jackie with edits.

B. Budget

1. Overall, budget looks good (many members are giving more than the minimum dues)

**Follow-up:** Ashley will contact Brian at Minuteman Press regarding the extra printed newsletters.

## V. Events – Aaron

- A. Recap 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event
  - 1. A great success and very well attended!
- B. Food Trucks (5:30-7:00 pm for both nights)
  - 1. August 14 Food Trucks
    - a. Anrojitots Ara (Mexican)
    - b. Nani Beno Box (Chinese/Asian)
    - c. Cool Sweet Treats (Ice Cream)
  - 2. September 18 Food Trucks
  - 3. Jean Demuzio volunteered to coordinate the recruitment of the food trucks
  - 4. There was discussion to have a food truck event at Arbor Good Neighbor House in 2026

**Follow-up:** Aaron will come up with event draft plan for 2026.

**Follow-up:** Aaron to reach out to “marimba man” for potential entertainment.

- C. Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat, October 25, 4:00-5:00 pm
  - 1. Angi Oakley offered to help coordinate volunteers

## VI. Fall Newsletter - Ashley

- A. Timetable
  - 1. Articles due by Friday, August 15; send for design August 22; mailed by September 27
- B. Articles
  - 1. Event recap - 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Make Music Madison: Ashley
  - 2. Madison Water Utility project on Todd Drive Q&A with Ryan Newman: Ashley
  - 3. Know Your Neighbor – Jeff Buhrandt will do if Ashley can find someone
  - 4. Restaurant review: Aaron
  - 5. Lakeway project: Ashley
  - 6. AGNH update: Lisa (about the community garden)
  - 7. Meet the Pets of Arbor Hills (we have 3 submissions so far): repeat ask “ad” for pet photos in Fall newsletter

**Follow-up:** Ashley will find someone for the Know Your Neighbor article and make a connection with Jeff Buhrandt.

**Follow-up:** Chuck to write a paragraph regarding Make Music Madison and send to Ashley.

## VII. October Annual Meeting Planning, Tuesday, October 14, 6:30-8:00 pm

- A. Speaker Ideas
  - 1. State Representative Renuka Mayadev (suggested by Sheri)
  - 2. Leopold Principal Marisa Flowers (presented in 2024)
  - 3. Peter Morris from Arbor Good Neighbor House (AGNH)
  - 4. South District Police Captain Harrison Zanders
  - 5. Executive Director of Porchlight Karla Thennes
  - 6. Executive Director of MSCR (Madison School & Community Recreation), Mary Roth
  - 7. Cherokee Heights Principal Roberto Moreno
  - 8. Alder Yannette Figueroa Cole
- B. Proposed Speakers (usually 3 speakers)
  - 1. Peter Morris, AGNH
  - 2. Police Captain Harrison Zanders
  - 3. Alder Yannette Figueroa Cole

- C. Additional Speakers (if needed)
1. Executive Director of MSCR, Mary Roth
  2. Cherokee Principal Roberto Moreno

**Follow-up:** Ashley to ask Peter Morris, Harrison Zanders, and Yannette Figueroa Cole.

**Follow-up:** Jackie to ask the Executive Director of MSCR, Mary Roth.

**Follow-up:** Jeff Buhrandt to ask Roberto Moreno, Principal of Cherokee Heights Middle School.

**Follow-up:** Jackie will put information on signs regarding the annual meeting and give them to Aaron.

- D. Board Member Roles
1. President's address: Ashley
  2. Budget: Jackie
  3. Elections: Sheri agreed to run this
- E. Should We Have Food?

**Follow-up:** Cathy will provide treats/lemonade.

## VIII. Adjourn

First motion to adjourn: Chuck

Second motion to adjourn: Jackie

*Motion passes*