

**BOARD MEETING** – **Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

**Licari’s Bar & Grill, 1405 Emil Street, Madison, WI 53713**

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

Approved Absences: Erica Fletcher, Josh Grotheer

Guest Speaker: Lauren Cohen, RENEW Wisconsin

1. **Guest Speaker: Lauren Cohen, RENEW Wisconsin, MadiSUN**

Lauren presented information regarding the organization. RENEW Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization that promotes renewable energy in Wisconsin. They work on policies and programs that expand solar power, wind power, renewable fuels, local hydropower, building electrification, energy storage, and electric vehicles. Lauren discussed solar systems in relation to homes, and the possibility of available grants (up to 5% or 6% discount for groups, i.e., Arbor Hills). Another incentive to go solar is a 30% federal tax credit through 2032. Their installer is Arch Solar; website [www.madisunsolar.com](http://www.madisunsolar.com); email [MadiSun@renewwisconsin.org](mailto:madisun@renewwisconsin.org).

1. **Approval of June Meeting Minutes**

Jackie: First motion to approve the minutes

Nanci: Second motion to approve the minutes

1. **President’s Report: Ashley**
   1. Parks update – removing graffiti from AH park

The City removed graffiti from AH park; a report can be filed with the Parks Division to have graffiti removed.

* 1. Group homes in Arbor Hills

There is a concern with density of group homes. Sheri has been in discussions with Matt Tucker regarding the issue. There is more to come at a later date.

* 1. Meeting with Pastor Peter Morris on 8/29

Common Wealth Development recently purchased Arbor Covenant Church. There is a virtual meeting on August 29, 8:00 pm, with Pastor Morris (invites have gone out to interested members). There are no changes for the foreseeable future; just want to verify work with Common Wealth, their mission, and how questions from people should be addressed.

1. **Membership Report: Jackie**

* There are currently 171 members; the goal is 185 members
* There are 23 new members
* 47% paid online
* 42% paid greater than $20
* $1,000 more than what was budgeted was received
* 8 block captains are not members
* Reminders went out to people who have not renewed their membership

***Action Item:*** Mary will propose a plan for raising membership.

1. **Treasurer’s Report: Mary**

Mary presented the updated budget. As of July 31, 2023, there is a balance of $5,081.20 (checking); $7,837.38 (savings).

Mary stated the job of treasurer has changed, and the job is harder to manage (only checks were involved, now there are two additional methods of payment: PayPal and Wix POS). There are currently 3 people handling the money.

1. **Events: Nanci and Aaron**
2. Recent events recap

4th of July: It seemed there were not as many people as last year.

Make Music Madison: There was an issue with power (MMM stated they were all set; Charlie came through with a generator!).

***Action Item:*** Aaron/Josh will follow-up with Eric Knapp regarding the power issue.

1. Food truck night: August 18 (5-7 pm) and September 21

Aloha Wagon and Jakarta Café will be the featured food trucks. September 21 is the wrap-up for food truck nights.

***Action Item:*** Aaron will get signs from Grant.

1. Future events

Workout in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 9:00 am. A free session! More details to come.

***Action Items:*** *For the next Mailchimp email blast (to be sent out soon):*

* Chuck will touch base with Ean/website and Erica/newsletter regarding content, and Aaron regarding meteor event
* Nanci will confirm food trucks

1. **Newsletter: Erica (via her email)**

*Newsletter to include:*

Page 1: Photo collage

Page 2: Ashley’s letter

Page 3: Annual meeting information

Page 4: Real estate/renter’s update, Leopold principal interview

Page 5: Garden committee article

Page 6: Arbor Covenant update

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***Action Item:*** Nanci will send Erica reminder for Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) volunteers for the newsletter.

1. **Annual Meeting Planning**
2. Draft agenda

The Annual Meeting is October 10.

Jackie presented the “Become a Member” form.

The 2024 budget will be finalized in September.

***Action Items (for the annual meeting agenda):***

* Under Vice President’s Report & Bylaw Updates, change Updates to Vote (and discuss the reasons for changes), and move this on the agenda to before the AHNA Board Member Elections
* Alder Figueroa Cole may not be able to make the meeting; Ashley will follow-up with this and may invite Dane County Supervisor Matt Veldran
* Ashley to ask Pastor Morris: include ways neighborhood can support Essentials Pantry
* Ashley to ask Erica if a Leopold representative wants to present – what does the school need from the community?

1. Annual meeting planning

***Action Items:***

* Ashley will ask Pastor Morris for 2 tables for people to sign-in and pick up information packets.
* Include budget reports at table as people enter so they are available for people to vote on budget.
* Ask Josh to include a recap of speakers who came to Board meetings, and thank the advertisers, volunteers, members.

1. Bylaw amendment proposals

*Additional changes discussed at Board Meeting:*

* + - * 1. Name

Remove “Town” from Town of Madison.

Mary: First motion to approve Bylaw #1

Lisa: Second motion to approve Bylaw #1

* + - * 1. Area

Chuck: First motion to approve Bylaw #1

Lisa: Second motion to approve Bylaw #1

* + - * 1. Members of the Association

Mary: First motion to approve Bylaw #1

Lisa: Second motion to approve Bylaw #1

* + - * 1. Officers and the Board

Change language under i) to “Any Board Member may be removed or expelled,

with cause, by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board.”

Nanci: First motion to approve Bylaw #1

Jackie: Second motion to approve Bylaw #1

***Action Items:*** Make changes discussed during the meeting; additional bylaws that weren’t discussed during the meeting will be brought up at next meeting.

1. **Adjourn: Ashley**

Nanci: First motion to adjourn the meeting

Jackie: Second motion to adjourn the meeting