



BOARD MEETING – Monday, August 24, 2026
Licari's Bar & Grill, 1405 Emil Street, Madison, WI 53713

Attendees: Jackie Bastyr Cooper, Jeff Buhrandt, Chuck Friedrichs, Erich George, Ashley Gibson, Nanci Horn, Cathy Means

Approved Absences: Sheri Carter, Lisa Fernandez, Stephanie Miller, Caroline Thompson

I. Approval of June Meeting Minutes – Cathy

First motion to approve: Nanci

Second motion to approve: Jeff

Motion Passes

II. Treasurer's & Membership Report – Jackie

A. Membership

1. To date, membership is at 131; historically, very low

B. Budget

1. Ideas for spending the \$1,000 grant money:
 - a. Advertising/marketing
 - b. Promotional items (hoodies, t-shirts, hats, etc. with Arbor Hills design) as an incentive for people to become members
 - c. Student scholarships
2. To date:
 - a. Over budget for Mailchimp
 - b. Advertising money has helped push us over our income budgeted goal
 - c. The events coming up through 2026 are low-cost
 - d. Membership increase strategies

Follow-up: All board members should come up with an idea for the grant money and bring to the next board meeting, September 8. The idea/proposal should include details such as the cost, process, etc.

III. Events – Erich

A. Summer Recaps

1. 4th of July
 - a. The event was a success; very well attended and enough food with little left over. Everyone had a great time!
2. Sabores y Sonidos
 - a. Not as collaborative as intended between AHNA and Arbor Good Neighbor House (AGNH); in the future, maybe more planning and clarity
 - b. Possibly do this again in June, 2027, in place of a food truck night

3. Mallards game
 - a. Mainly board members attended
 - b. May do this again or select a different event, such as a Forward Madison match
- B. September 17 Food Truck Night
 1. Erich will perform a solo for some “music in the park”
 2. Proposed having food available instead of a food truck (community cookout)
 - a. Jeff offered to grill
 - b. Possibly charge a fee for the food and offer a price structure (less for members??)
 - c. More discussion at September board meeting

IV. Newsletter – Ashley

- A. Next steps for translation
 1. Julio, Education Coordinator, The Latino Academy of Workforce Development, said he will turn it around quickly
- B. Fall newsletter to print by 9/4, mailed by 9/27
- C. Winter newsletter content due to Stephanie by Friday, November 6

Follow-up: Ashley to contact Brian at Minuteman Press to see if there is a price increase for the newsletter.

V. Annual Meeting Planning (Tuesday, October 13)

- A. Proposed agenda:
 1. 6:00-6:30 arrive and mingle
 2. 6:30-7:00 AHNA business: president’s address, treasurer’s report, bylaw amendment review
 - a. Who to lead elections – Sheri?
 - b. Proposed slate for elections (subject to change – for discussion):
 - i. President: Jeff Buhrandt
 - ii. Newsletter Editor: Stephanie Miller
 - iii. Communication Coordinator: Nanci Horn
 - iv. Block Captain Coordinator: Chuck Friedrichs
(this may change to a committee format with the purpose of engaging more people in the neighborhood)
 - v. Member at Large (3): Lisa Fernandez
 - vi. Member at Large (4): TBD
 3. Speakers – who should we invite?
 - a. Someone to discuss the Fitchburg bike path currently under construction
 - b. Ashley to invite Senator Kelda Roys or Representative Renuka Mayadev
 - c. Police Captain Harrison Zanders
 - d. Aim to keep it at 3 speakers
 4. Discuss food – budget, logistics for food pickup, etc.
 - a. Decided to offer pizzas
 5. Child care arrangements
 - a. Ask neighborhood teens if they would be interested in “staffing” the room
 - b. Proposed to pay \$20 for each staffer
 6. Proposed adding something fun to do at the meeting (interactive) and will be discussed at the September 8 board meeting

Follow-up: Ashley to research who can provide information on the Fitchburg bike path, and invite Police Captain Harrison Zanders, and either Senator Kelda Roys or Representative Renuka Mayadev.

Follow-up: Ashley will contact Peter Morris to see if there is a room for child care we can use.

Follow-up: Jeff will ask Neil Dinndorf if his daughter, Grace, is interested in staffing the child care room.

VI. Bylaw Review

1. Review proposed amendments

Follow-up: Board members should review the bylaw amendments and send any comments to Ashley before the September 8 board meeting.

VII. Adjourn

First motion to adjourn: Jackie

Second motion to adjourn: Jeff

Motion passes