



BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, February 10, 2026
Panera, 2960 Cahill Main, Madison, WI 53711

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

I. Approval of January Meeting Minutes – Cathy

First motion to approve: Jackie

Second motion to approve: Jeff

Motion Passes

II. Follow-Ups From Last Time – All

A. Lisa to discuss a food truck night, translated newsletters with Arbor Good Neighbor House (AGNH) Board

1. Lisa reported the AGNH Board was extremely enthusiastic to host a food truck night; this is a good opportunity for the AGNH and Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association (AHNA) to work collaboratively
2. Tentative date for the night is Thursday, July 23; proposed event name: AHNA Music & Food at AGNH – Latino Cultural Appreciation
3. There was discussion to include music, with an estimate of \$200 for the musician(s)
4. The AGNH Board was also very excited/enthusiastic regarding the translation of the newsletters

Follow-up: Lisa will propose July 23 to the AGNH Board and discuss logistics (regarding food/music and if the board has any recommendations).

III. Treasurer's & Membership Report – Jackie

A. Membership

1. To date, membership is at 72 – a little above last year at this time

B. Budget

1. The budget is looking good; discussed the following:
 - a. Advertising has been great! Advertisers are: JR's Mulch, MG&E, Fitchburg Family Pharmacy, Fitchburg Family Clinic, Avestar, Edward Jones-Josh Grotheer

Follow-up: Ashley will contact Linda Horvath regarding the 2025 neighborhood grant payment.

Follow-up: Ashley to contact Neil Dinndorf to see if he will do the audit (the bank no longer performs audits).

IV. Events – Erich

A. Discuss next steps for magnets

1. The magnet design should be finalized by the March 10 board meeting

B. Reviewed Erich's event grid

1. The garage sale dates are May 15-16
2. Make Music Madison: The hours are 1:00-4:00 pm; confirm we can get a food truck(s)
3. Logistics for April neighborhood cleanup
 - a. The cleanup is scheduled for April 25, 10:00 am-12:00 pm; meet at the park
 - b. Coffee and donuts will be provided at the start of the cleanup

Follow-up: Erich to contact the City of Madison Streets Division to pick up garbage bags after April neighborhood cleanup.

Follow-up: Jackie to update the magnet once July 23 is confirmed as a food truck night.

Follow-up: Erich to confirm Holiday Cookie Decorating event in December.

Follow-up: Erich to communicate with Jean Demuzio regarding food trucks for the 2026 events.

Follow-up: Ashley to send Google invitations to all board members for 2026 events.

V. Neighborhood Grant – Jeff

- A. Jeff submitted the grant – a big thank you to Jeff!
- B. If the grant is accepted, Erich stated the Latino Academy is willing to do the newsletter translating

VI. Spring Newsletter – All

- A. Review content (sending to designer on Friday, February 13):
 1. 2025 holiday lights contest
 2. 2026 event dates
 3. Wonka’s Harvest (no-till vegetable farm) article
 4. Repair Café article
 5. In Memoriam section
 6. Congratulations to Lakisha and Lonnie for securing merchant spots at the Madison Public Market
 7. Neighborhood survey
 8. Lanterns on Leyton photos
 9. List of board members

Follow-up: Caroline to ask Thad Schumacher if it is okay if the advertisement is placed in the newsletter instead of the article and to possibly use the article in a future newsletter for a “Know Your Neighbor” piece.

Follow-up: Jackie to reach out to Aaron to see if he wants to do a restaurant review.

Follow-up: Sheri to write something about Karen Johansen for the In Memoriam section.

VII. Engaging Block Captains – Chuck

- A. Should we host a block captain/board coffee?
 1. Discussed what was done in the past
 2. Discussed changing “block captain” name to ambassador, influencer, volunteer, etc.
 3. In the newsletter put out a call for block captains (new name TBD)
 4. Block Captain appreciation – to be discussed at a later meeting

Follow-up: Ashley to write a call for volunteers for the spring newsletter.

VIII. Adjourn

First motion to adjourn: Jackie
 Second motion to adjourn: Nanci
Motion passes