



**ANNUAL MEETING – Tuesday, October 10, 2023**  
**Arbor Good Neighbor House, 2509 McDivitt Road, Madison, WI 53713**

Board Member Attendees: Jackie Bastyr Cooper, Aaron Eicher, Lisa Fernandez, Erica Fletcher, Chuck Friedrichs, Ashley Gibson, Josh Grotheer, Nanci Horn, Cathy Means, Mary Sara, Linda Szabo

**I. Vice President's Report & Vote on Bylaws: Josh Grotheer**

- A. Josh reviewed the 2023 events (*to date*)
  - 1. Neighborhood clean-up
  - 2. Garage sale
  - 3. Make Music Madison
  - 4. 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade
  - 5. Food trucks (4 throughout the summer, 50-60 people on average each night)
  - 6. Garden committee – started back up this year
- B. Bylaws
  - 1. Josh presented updates to bylaws
  - 2. Motions to approve the bylaws
    - a. First: Sheri Carter
    - b. Second: Bob Alt
    - c. Motion passed

**II. County Board Supervisor Report: Matt Veldran**

- A. Described his background: On County Board since 2006; he used to be Vice President of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association
- B. Discussed the new area, due to redistricting
- C. Provided an update on the County Jail funding (bids are out for final plans)
- D. County Board Meetings are now hybrid (for convenience and ease of attending)

**III. Membership Updates: Jackie Bastyr Cooper**

- A. Goal was for 185 households (household definition includes apartments and duplexes, currently have 180 households; approximately 30% of households are members)
- B. 3 levels for membership this year: \$20, \$30, or \$50
- C. 23 new members; 36 former members did not renew
- D. ½ of the households pay online
- E. Need ideas for member benefit: e.g., garage sale – priority listing, etc.

#### IV. Treasurer's Report: Mary Sara

- A. Everyone in the neighborhood gets a newsletter; during the budget update, one attendee asked whether the newsletter could be emailed to reduce costs. Josh stated it is on the website. Ashley stated that one reason that we distribute a paper copy to each household is logistics. Today, block captains distribute a paper copy to each household. It would be challenging to have block captains know which households opted for email vs. print and only deliver to those who opted in for print. Additionally, Ashley stated that in previous discussions among the membership and the board, it was decided to continue as is and that a paper copy is a "worthwhile expense." Jackie stated if it wasn't printed, advertisers would lose value.
  1. **Action Item:** The board will distribute the newsletter electronically to residents who have provided their email (in addition to distributing paper copies).
- B. Ashley moved to not approve the budget, and for the membership to give the board the authority to approve a 2024 budget at the November board meeting.
  1. Motions to arrive at a balanced budget during November board meeting
    - a. First: Ashley
    - b. Second: Meeting attendee
    - c. Motion passed
  2. **Action Item:** At the November board meeting, the budget will be discussed.

#### V. AHNA Board Member Elections: Jim Cortada

- A. Introductions of new board member positions (all Members at Large):
  1. Sheri Carter
  2. Aaron Eicher
  3. Caroline Thompson
- B. Motions to authorize board members
  1. First: Jim
  2. Second: Meeting attendee
  3. Motion passed

#### VI. Arbor Good Neighbor House Updates: Pastor Peter Morris

- A. The building is now called Arbor Good Neighbor House; the church does not own the building anymore. The building is being used as a community resource. Common Wealth Development representatives Justice Castaneda and Stephanie Bradley Wilson attended the meeting. Eventually, affordable housing could potentially be built on the property (in 8-10 years). Today, the area does not have the infrastructure to support a project like this – e.g., grocery store, walkability, etc.
- B. There is a day care in the building, Essentials Pantry, and office space for refugee meetings.
- C. Jackie asked "What can we do?" Pastor Morris suggested donations, possible product drives. If any groups would like to use the building, contact Pastor Morris.

#### VII. MPD Updates: South District Police Captain Harrison Zanders

- A. Gun violence: Since January 1, 12 incidents of shots fired (3 were domestic-related) in the south district (this is a reduction from previous year). "Domestics" is the biggest issue in South Madison.
- B. On October 18, 6:00-8:00 pm, there is a meeting at the Urban League, 2222 S. Park Street. Presentations/discussions from the Black Officer Coalition, and the Community

Police Advisory Board. Root cause of crime will be discussed. Neighborhood attendance is encouraged!

- C. Property crime prevention rollout – left some paper copies/cards at meeting
- D. There will be traffic rollout – rate of stolen vehicles is going down
- E. **Action Item:** The AHNA will place notices about this meeting on our communication channels – website and email.

**VIII. District 10 Alder Report: Yannette Figueroa Cole**

- A. West Area Plan discussed
- B. Arbor Hills is part of the South Side Area Plan – this is for 2024. 10-year plan (parks, sidewalks, more to come!)

**IX. Adjourn: Josh Grotheer**

- A. Josh adjourned the meeting