



BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Laredo's Mexican Restaurant, 2935 S. Fish Hatchery Road, Madison, WI 53711

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

I. Approval of August Meeting Minutes – Cathy

First motion to approve: Jackie
Second motion to approve: Caroline
Motion Passes

II. Treasurer's & Membership Report – Jackie

- A. Membership
 - 1. Was reviewed at the August 24 board meeting
- B. Budget
 - 1. Have not received the grant money, to date (the money is needed to offset a negative balance)
 - 2. Need to have a balanced budget for the October annual meeting
 - 3. Propose \$2,000 in grants for next year

Follow-up: Jeff will complete the grant paperwork and ensure we receive payment.

Follow-up: Jackie will send proposed budget to all board members for vote before the October annual meeting.

Follow-up: Ashley will follow-up on the \$50 service appreciation payment for Larry Krueger.

III. Events – Erich

- A. September 17 Food Truck Night
 - 1. The event is now September 17 Cookout in Arbor Hills Park
 - 2. Update website event – Ean
 - 3. Social media post + email – Chuck
 - 4. Finalize what we will provide for food
 - a. AHNA will provide hot dogs, brats, veggie dogs, buns, chips, and condiments; individuals to bring their own sides and beverage
 - 5. Advertise that food will be on a first come, first served basis
 - 6. Count on 50-75 people to attend
 - 7. The event is free for all to attend
 - 8. Nanci and Caroline agreed to be the shoppers
 - a. Items to purchase are hot dogs, brats, veggie dogs, buns, chips and condiments
 - b. Shop for 75 people
 - 9. Erich is happy to bring his gas grill
 - 10. Yard signs

Follow-up: Ean to update the website; the event is September 17 Cookout in Arbor Hills Park.

Follow-up: Ashley to send advertising/description language to Chuck to put on Facebook and Mailchimp for the September 17 cookout event.

Follow-up: Chuck to do Facebook post and Mailchimp email blast; the event is September 17 Cookout in Arbor Hills Park.

Follow-up: Nanci and Caroline to do food shopping (hot dogs, brats, veggie dogs, buns, chips, and condiments).

Follow-up: Erich will modify the signs (use word “cookout”) and post throughout the neighborhood.

IV. Review Bylaw Amendment Proposals – All

- A. Bylaw amendment proposals were reviewed by the board members
- B. Approval of bylaw amendment proposals
 - First motion to approve: Erich
 - Second motion to approve: Jeff
 - Motion Passes*

V. Annual Meeting Planning (Tuesday, October 13) – All

- A. Pastor Peter Morris confirmed we can use the space and will provide child care space
- B. Grace Dinndorf has agreed to be a child care volunteer; another teen may also volunteer
- C. Renuka Mayadev, Captain Zanders or delegate, Kelda Roys are confirmed speakers
 - 1. Sheri will contact “recycling person” to be a speaker
 - 2. Would like 4 speakers total; Jackie will contact someone at MSCR to speak if Sheri’s contact cannot present
- D. Giveaway – bird houses made by Paul Scott
- E. Food: Jackie will pick up pizzas from Little Caesars; we have plenty of plates and napkins left over from previous events to use
- F. 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. Sheri agreed to lead the elections
 - 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. Neighborhood Ambassador Coordinator: Chuck Friedrichs
 - v. Recording Secretary: Cathy Means
 - vi. Member at Large (3): Lisa Fernandez
 - vii. Member at Large (4): TBD
 - 3. 7:00-7:45 Speakers: Renuka Mayadev, Captain Zanders or delegate, Kelda Roys (all confirmed); add one more speaker: Sheri will contact recycling person and, if not available, Jackie will contact MSCR for a presenter
 - 4. 7:45-8:00 Q&A/neighborhood discussion

Follow-up: Sheri will contact “recycling person” to be a speaker.

Follow-up: Jackie will contact MSCR for a speaker if Sheri’s contact cannot present.

Follow-up: Ashley to contact Paul Scott regarding any information he has on how to care for the bird houses, set them up, etc.

Follow-up: Jackie will pick up pizzas from Little Caesars.

Follow-up: Chuck will contact block captains to see if they have an interest in serving as a member at-large; will also send out a Mailchimp email blast for any interest.

VI. How to Spend \$1,000 Allocated for Grants (or neighborhood improvement)

- A. Sheri proposed maintenance of Arbor Hills sign on Post Road near the bike trail
- B. Erich proposed offering Arbor Hills-branded items to members:
 - 1. Seed packets to \$20 members; tote bag to \$30 members; tumbler to \$50 members
 - 2. Advertise the items at the AHNA table at events and also through emails and the newsletter to show what you will receive if you become a member
- C. Jackie proposed a movie night in Arbor Hills Park
 - 1. Once the movie equipment is purchased, we can use for future events
 - 2. Provide popcorn
 - 3. There may be royalties associated with the movie chosen
- D. Ashley proposed cleaning up the neighborhood little libraries – some are looking a little rough
- E. At the October annual meeting, Ashley will describe the plans and ask for feedback from meeting participants (movie night and little libraries ideas)

Follow-up: Chuck will trim the greenery around the Arbor Hills sign located near the bike trail.

Follow-up: Ashley to send language to Chuck for neighborhood improvements (along with the September 17 cookout event) for advertising on Facebook and Mailchimp.

VII. Adjourn

First motion to adjourn: Erich

Second motion to adjourn: Nanci

Motion passes