

GTNA Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2022
6:30 – 7:40 p.m. meeting via Zoom

Attending: Jane Sarafiny, Helen Sheahan, Jay Russell, Dana Russell, Mayo Ewanowski, Dave Ewanowski, Danielle Gale, Barbara Torrez

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

The **September Minutes** were approved.

New GTNA President Ms. Sarafiny, who has been President since 2014, nominated Mr. Russell to succeed her as President. The nomination was accepted by the Board. Mr. Russell was honored to be approved and joined the Board in thanking Ms. Sarafiny for her years of dedicated service to the GTNA as President. Mr. Russell agreed to serve for a three-year term. No Vice President was appointed at this time. The Attendees agreed to table this discussion for a later meeting when all board members are present.

New Secretary. As Mr. Russell was the GTNA Secretary, Ms. Russell was nominated to replace him as Secretary. The Board approved Ms. Russell as the new GTNA Secretary. Ms. Russell agreed to serve for a three-year term.

Membership update. Ms. Ewanowski reported that the GTNA membership is up to 213 members. The 4th of July picnic was a big boost to membership.

Area Reps. Areas 3, 4, 8 and 11 are open. Mr. Allen Youngwood has commitments on Mondays that preclude him from attending the Board meetings but will remain as rep for Area 9. Ms. Sarafiny will fill the vacancy in Area 8. Do we assign Board members as Area Reps or rewrite the By-Laws to change the requirement that the all Board members be designated as Area Reps at Large. Mr. Russell will send the By-Laws with the minutes and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Email Addresses. We will have to redo the email addresses that link GTNA emails to corresponding personal email addresses. Mr. Cowles, as webmaster, can make the changes. It is best to do them all at once.

Website. Go Daddy fees for website service are \$143. Mr. Cowles will renew and submit his expense to the Treasurer.

Tax Exempt Status for GTNA. Can we save money, e.g. taxes on purchases like food, for the 4th of July picnic? Ms. Sheahan will call to find out what needs to be done to be a tax exempt 501-C organization.

Holiday Lighting contest. Everything appears on track. Ms. Paulson has organized the event details.

Treasurers Report. Mr. Ewanowski indicated that everything is the same as last month. Some membership dues will be deposited shortly. There were some printing costs for extra directories and printing costs for the Stump. There is a \$3300 balance in checking. The Board

determined that there is no need to create a Budget but it will be important to have a calendar that outlines anticipated expenses e.g. Stump Printing, GTNA Directory printing, miscellaneous 4th of July expenses. Ms. Sarafiny indicated that the 4th of July picnic food is priced to be self-sustaining.

Halloween Bonfire. Mr. Russell reported that the Norman Clayton Park Use Permit has been submitted. Next step is to get the Burn Permit from the Madison Fire Department. We have volunteers set up. Barbara & Andrew Torres and Helen & Pat Sheahan will help serve cocoa. Ms. Ewanowski and Mr. Ewanowski will help with the fire. There is a picnic table near the bonfire area to use to serve cocoa. Ms. Sheahan and Mr. Russell will bring shovels to put out the fire.

Tennis courts in Norman Clayton Park. Ms. Torrez asked if the tennis courts can be resurfaced. It was last done about 10 years ago. There is a lot of interest in playing Pickleball which uses tennis courts. Ms. Torrez will follow up with the City Parks Department regarding resurface costs. Mr. Russell will send her his Madison Parks contacts.

Other Notes

- Matt Phair is again our Alderman
- Mr. Russell will reach out to Judi Duncan and Serene Arena to see if they are interested in being on the GTNA Board as Board Members at large.
- Ms. Sarafiny indicated that the person who contacted her regarding recycling will send information to her and we can send the information out in an email to all members.
- The next meeting will be virtual
- Ms. Sarafiny will contact Mr. Chuck Kime to discuss removing his name as contact for Madison Parks. We would have Ms. Sheahan and Mr. Ewanowski will be noted as the GTNA contacts.

The meeting ended at 7:40pm

The next GTNA Board meeting is scheduled for Monday November 7, 2022, starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held via Zoom.