

**GTNA Board Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2025
Corrected/Revised 12-2-2025
6:30pm – 8:12pm via Zoom**

Attendees: Jay Russell, Dana Russell, Helen Sheahan, Alex Kocher, Trevor Olson, Raymond Neal, Terrah Clark, Mayo Ewanowski, David Ewanowski, Kathy Batha

Absent: Kathe Powers, Gary Kobs

Guests: Justin Rundle, Jane Sarafiny, Aeden Gardill, Bridgit Reisner, Sharay Wallace, Liz Sidor

The Zoom meeting is being recorded.

Mr. Russell introduced and welcomed the guests:

- Mr. Rundle is a Greentree Resident/Member.
- Ms. Sarafiny is a former GTNA President.
- Mr. Gardill is a Greentree Resident/Member.
- Ms. Reisner is a Greentree Resident/Member
- Ms. Sidor is a Greentree Resident/Member
- Ms. Wallace is the founder of the Meadowood Health Partnership

Meeting Minutes: The October 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

Gunfire on Strathmore Lane. On Nov. 1 it was reported that there was a police incident including gunfire on Strathmore Lane. This is the second incident this year.

Comments:

Ms. Reisner has lived on Strathmore Lane for over 4 years. She said that the same address has had two gunfire incidents this year. In June, then on Halloween night. A bullet hit an occupied residence.

Ms. Wallace suggested community meetings. Ms. Wallace will get the name of the Liaison Officer. She would help to bring resources and to have a town hall meeting. People need to feel safe in their homes. In this proposed meeting, they try to address issues with a mediator, build a solid relationship with the neighbors. She also recommended bringing in public health representatives. We should alert the management company that handles the property and contact the landlord/property owner. Make the landlord accountable for their tenant's behavior. Ms. Wallace offered to create a flyer, have the town hall meeting at her office. Ms. Wallace advised that we need to jump on this quickly. We also need to get Alder Harrington-McKinney involved also. Schroeder Road has had several incidents recently. Ms. Wallace will check her database of management companies in the area. She wants us to select a date and time to have a town hall meeting as quickly as possible. This could take more than one meeting.

Ms. Ewanowski noted that this is the sixth shooting in this area in the past few years.

Mr. Russell asked if there have been other incidents at this property.

Ms. Reisner stated there is a lot of traffic going in/out at the property. There is also littering there.

Mr. Gardill asked if the resident has participated in any GTNA activities. GTNA does not track who attends our events.

Ms. Batha stated that we don't know when tenant turn over occurs. We can monitor when homes are sold and new owners move in. The deed transfer is public record on the City website. We have no means to monitor rental properties and their tenants. The Strathmore Lane property owner owns multiple properties in Greentree.

Tool Lending Library – Aeden Gardill. See attached proposal. Mr. Gardill said that he got the idea of neighborhood tool sharing when renting equipment from Home Depot. The process includes a list of tools, services, and a general email. Participants can post their equipment on the GTNA website. The equipment owner would be kept anonymous. Anyone interested in borrowing equipment would initiate a request through the tool sharing website. Mr Gardill is willing to set up the website info. Mr. Russell will work with Mr. Gardill to move this forward.

Halloween Bonfire. Mr. Kobs was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Russell reported that we had around 75 people at the bonfire. There were concerns about the new time period because it overlapped trick or treating but the 6-8pm time worked well. Mr. Kocher suggested making the fire larger next year. We need to make sure we abide by the new requirements set by the Madison Fire Department. Mr. Russell took pictures of setup and during bonfire. It was suggested that we have some better lighting. There was a request for some music. Recorded music is okay. If the music is live an additional permit is required. It was also suggested that we put sign in Sherwood Forest Park directing people to the bonfire. Ms. Sheehan stated that the Nextdoor posting had 150+ views.

Holiday Lights Update. Ms. Clark withdrew from the Holiday Lights Committee this year because her job requires her to be out of town for the month of December. Mr. Neal has agreed to replace Ms. Clark. Mr. Russell asked if we have a list of volunteers that are helping with judging. Ms. Clark has the volunteer list and will forward to Mr. Neal. Ms. Ewanowski stated that she already sent the volunteer list to Mr. Olson.

Board Member Selection Process Guidelines Mr. Russell opened the floor to a discussion of the new procedure. A vote to approve was conducted and then confirmed via email to approve the process. Mr. Russell advised that Ms. Powers volunteered to replace Ms. Paulson on this Committee.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment to Clarify Board Term Limits. A copy of the proposed language was distributed to the Board for review. It was decided that 60% of the Board must approve Board members and officers removal decisions. The selection of new Board

members will require a 75% approval vote. A revised Amendment will be circulated to the Board for review. A vote to approve this amendment will be held in before the February Board meeting. The amendment will be presented to the members at large at the April Annual Meeting.

Waiver of Liability Language. Should we post a waiver of liability on the GTNA website and other social media whenever we host an event? We should be covered by the Wisconsin Volunteer Protection Act. Mr. Kocher advised that a waiver posted on a website does not have any impact, but could be a “deterrent”. Mr. Ewanowski stated this appears to be a non-issue and to not introduce the idea by posting a waiver.

Wisconsin Volunteer Protection Act: In Wisconsin, volunteers are generally protected from liability for damages or monetary claims arising from their volunteer activities, unless they engage in willful misconduct or violate criminal laws. This protection encourages individuals to volunteer without the fear of legal repercussions for their actions while serving.

The vote was unanimous to not post a liability waiver on the website or social media. The three board members that were unable to attend the meeting voted via email.

2026 Plan. Mr. Russell proposed that we need two liaisons:

1. Liaison to Alder Harrington McKinney, and
2. Liaison to Anana School (to communicate with the PTO and principal).

These individuals do not need to be board members but to report to Mr. Russell. We can post their updates on the GTNA website and social media to keep their information timely. Ms. Ewanowski and Ms. Batha suggested the art teacher, Shelia, as a liaison. The head of the PTO may be a good liaison. The liaison needs to reach out to the School and/or the Alder monthly. A procedure needs to be written.

Other liaison suggestions: For Anana School the nurse or school social worker (Caitlin Sandahl) may be willing to write a periodic article for stump. Nurse Nancy used write school articles for the Stump.

Membership. Ms. Ewanowski reported that as of November 3, 2025, 197 households have joined or renewed their membership. A postcard mailing was sent to all members who have not renewed their membership this year. The postage service cost for the reminder postcard was \$329. If the postcard generated 13 new memberships we would break even on the postcard cost. As of Nov. 3, we have received 6 new memberships. Ms. Ewanowski thanked Ms. Clark for creating the QR code to simplify the membership process.

Ms. Clark has been working with Ms. Ewanowski on formatting the Directory.

Treasurer Report. Mr. Ewanowski reported that as of October 31, 2025, the GTNA account balance was \$5,211.22. We had October expenses of \$509.28 (\$179.88 website fees, \$329.40 postcard postage) and income of \$75.00 (new/renewal memberships). We have upcoming expenses of \$110 for Holiday Lights award gift cards). We have a year-to-date income of \$8,084, expenses \$5,374.

Mr. Russell and Mr. Ewanowski reviewed financial budgeting to determine if our funds will last for our 2-year cycle. Our biggest expenses are Stump and Directory printing plus the 4th of July. We should have enough funds to carry us to the next membership cycle (2027-2028). Ms. Ewanowski stated that we can determine what the mailing service is charging us to print/mail stump and directory. We could possibly reduce costs by having the printing done and stamp and address the mailings in-house. Several volunteers offered to do this task.

A copy of the October 30, 2025 Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes.

Other items

School Board Anana School Bus issue: Mr. Russell had a discussion with Chelsea Elliot, the Anana School principal. She advised that there is now a bus collecting children from Schroeder Road. This is the DLI (Dual Language Immersion) bus bringing kids from other schools for non-english classes. She advised that this bus has been approved for the 2025/2026 school year. The City of Madison acknowledged that Schroeder Road is a dangerous crossing for these children, and they hope to correct the situation prior to the 2026-2027 school year.

The Forward Madison Soccer Team proposed a neighborhood outing/funding raising opportunity. This discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

Neighborhood Watch. Mr. Kocher stated that a neighbor suggested resurrecting the Neighborhood Watch program. Chuck Kime used to do oversee this, but no one offered to continue this program when he stepped down.

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 6:30pm via Zoom

Attachments: Mr. Gardill's proposed Tool Lending Project
October 31, 2025 GTNA Treasurer's Report

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dana Russell

Tool Lending Project

Tool Lending Proposal – Aedan Gardill

GTNA members will be asked once every membership cycle if they want to participate in the Tool Share program and what tools/services they can offer. Their email addresses are added to an email list.

A list of just the tools (not attached to names) is compiled and posted on the GTNA website. An email address is set up (i.e. gtnatoolshare@gmail.com) and shared on the website with the tool list, with instructions that if someone has a need for any of these tools (or wants to make a request for something else), to send an email with their request and info. That email would then be automatically sent to the list of everyone who agreed to provide for the tool share program and it's up to the person who offered that tool to respond to the email. After that, it moves out of GTNA's responsibility for the two individuals to work out how/when to share the tool.

This way there is some buffer between the people making requests and the people offering tools but still allows for a channel of communication for tool requests.

Jody and Aedan are happy to help create the form to ask members to contribute to the tool share program, to help compile the list of tools, and to assist in setting up the email list serve. This would be a 2026 initiative.

2025 Year to Date (Through October 31, 2025)

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Administration + Misc.				
Printing - Stump	\$ -	\$ 1,642	\$ (1,642)	Stump Printing (x3 Issues)
Printing - Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Advertising	\$ 305	\$ -	\$ 305	
Website	\$ -	\$ 326	\$ (326)	Website - Go Daddy, Etc.
Annual Meeting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
T-Shirts	\$ 501	\$ 642	\$ (141)	T-Shirt Sales + Purchase (Madison Top)
T-Shirt Sponsorship	\$ 625	\$ -	\$ 625	Paid Sponsors
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Membership				
Dues	\$ 4,963	\$ -	\$ 4,963	Membership
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Postcards	\$ -	\$ 329	\$ (329)	Postage (membership solicitation postcards)
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Events				
July 4th - Food/Setup	\$ 1,690	\$ 2,240	\$ (550)	Food, Tent, Tables, PortaPotties, etc.
July 4th - Other	\$ -	\$ 39	\$ (39)	
Gallop Run	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Garage Sale	\$ -	\$ 46	\$ (46)	Garage Sale Supplies
Halloween	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Holiday Lights	\$ -	\$ 110	\$ (110)	Gift Cards
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
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TOTAL	\$ 8,084	\$ 5,374	\$ 2,710	

October 2025 Bank Transactions

		Opening Balance (10/01/25)		\$ 5,645.50	
	<u>Check/Deposit</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
9/4	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,670.50	Membership
	Zelle	\$ - .00	\$ 179.88	\$ 5,490.62	Website (P. Cowles)
	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,515.62	Membership
9/4	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,540.62	Membership
9/17	Check # 1074	\$ - .00	\$ 329.40	\$ 5,211.22	Stump Printing
Ending Balance (10/31/2025)				\$ 5,211.22	

Summary	\$ 75.00	\$ (509.28)	\$ (434.28)
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