

GTNA Board Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2025
6:31 pm - 8:10 pm via Zoom

Attendees: Jay Russell, Dana Russell, Helen Sheahan, Alex Kocher, Trevor Olson, Raymond Neal, Terrah Clark, Mayo Ewanowski, David Ewanowski, Kathy Batha, Kathe Powers, Gary Kobs, Melissa Bennett, Liz Sidor

Absent: None

Guests: Justin Rundle – Greentree Member,
Sheray Wallace – Meadowood Health Partnership (MHP),
Alder Barbara Harrington McKinney – City of Madison,
Joel Batha – Greentree Member
Jackie Woodruff – Greentree Member, Garden Club Co-President

This Zoom meeting is recorded.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Rundle posted in a Zoom Sidebar Chat:

“I am raising a formal Point of Order. President Russell’s email from January 31st stated an intent to “correct” the December 2025 meeting minutes to include a Bylaw amendment for the removal of officers. However, the official December 3rd agenda shows no such item. Under Wis. Stat. § 181.1003, the GTNA Board cannot retroactively insert an amendment that was never noticed to membership. I maintain my formal objection in writing tonight to any vote on these records, which I have still been denied the right to inspect under statute § 181.1602.”

Mr. Russell posted in the chat: “Justin, your comment is noted.”

Sheray Wallace – Meadowood Health Partnership: Ms. Wallace reported that she has gotten funding for a violence prevention program. She plans to visit residents living in apartments along Schroeder Road and the Park Ridge neighborhood by spring. During the December meeting, Ms. Ewanowski offered to help Ms. Wallace in talking to people living along Schroeder Road.

Ms. Wallace invited everyone to participate in the Black History Month Community Supper on February 25, 5:00 to 7:00pm. It will be held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Road. We will promote this event on our social media platforms. They could also use volunteers to help that evening.

Ms. Wallace also mentioned that there are ongoing educational programs for stroke prevention, diabetes care, blood pressure screening, prenatal care, etc. This is available at their Raymond Road offices.

Meeting Minutes: Mr. Rundle objected to the approval of the December minutes. He posted in the Zoom Sidebar Chat:

“For the record, I maintain my objection to the approval of the December 2025 GTNA Meeting Minutes based on the notice requirements of § 181.1003. I have documented my concerns for the City and State officials present and will defer further discussion to the March 3rd mediation.”

In response to Mr. Rundle’s question “Do the [December] Minutes contain any By-Law amendments.” Mr. Russell stated “They do not.”

Ms. Woodruff asked if the minutes are a reflection of the December meeting. Mr. Russell replied “Yes.”

Mr. Russell explained that the Meeting Minutes were sent to attendees to allow them to comment or correct anything or to make changes.

Mr. Rundle stated that he has filed a discrimination complaint against the Greentree Neighborhood Association because he was not sent a copy of the December Meeting minutes. Mr. Russell noted that he is aware of the complaint that has been filed.

The December minutes were approved and seconded by the board. Mr. Rundle’s objection has been noted.

Mr. Rundle was told he is welcome to comment but if he tries to control the meeting, or stalls or interrupts the meeting, he will be muted.

Guest Speaker: Alder Barbara Harrington-McKinney: In response to the prior discussion, Alder Harrington-McKinney stated that the GTNA is not a city committee.

The City Common Council is sponsoring a meeting at 6pm to 9pm on Tuesday, February 3 to discuss violence prevention initiatives. Ms. Harrington-McKinney advised this is a good opportunity to hear what the city is doing regarding public safety. Information will be placed in the District 20 blog. The meeting should be recorded and available on the city website.

Alder Harrington McKinney advised that the Southwest Area Plan was forwarded to the Transportation Department. Part of the proposal included possible home relocations. The Transportation Commission did not endorse the plan that included this action.

We received the summary of the plan which was posted on Nextdoor, on Facebook and through our Mail Chimp email to members.

She advised that residents need to visit the WisDOT website to see the Beltline PEL Study. The comment period closed on January 31, 2026. Comments should be sent to the WisDOT website. Alder Harrington McKinney stated that comments regarding the WisDOT plan were sent to the Alders.

Mr. Russell clarified that Beltline PEL study comments and Southwest Area Plan comments were sent out as separate postings/emails to membership.

Alder Harrington McKinney advised that there are community representatives on the City Boards, Committees and Commissions. A Greentree Neighborhood person is not on any of them. If we want to be heard and have someone on one of them, we should contact Alder Harrington McKinney.

Mr. Rundle advised Alder Harrington McKinney that GTNA is under investigation for housing violations of City Code 39.03, Equal Opportunities Ordinance. She stated that she would be willing to meet with Mr. Rundle separately.

Holiday Lights Report: Mr. Neal and Mr. Olson reported that the Holiday Lights event went smoothly. Winners appreciated the prizes. Social Media blasts were helpful. Prizes were gift cards to local businesses. 70 people voted in the contest. Mr. Olson noted a change to the website prevented multiple votes from a single email address.

Gallop T-Shirts – Ms. Powers: Ms. Powers reported that the T-Shirt Committee met on January 29. It was suggested that we make this year's shirt a US 250-Year Patriotic celebration theme. This will not be a Gallop Shirt but a general Greentree shirt. We will ask the neighborhood to submit design ideas by March 31. This will be a white T-shirt with red and blue ink. Ms. Powers is getting pricing for the shirts and printing. We will have a prototype T-shirt at the annual meeting.

Ms. Powers has contacted last year's sponsors and all have committed to sponsoring again this year. Ms. Powers also contacted Vintage Brewing to select a date for Greentree Day. Vintage GTNA Day will be Sunday, June 14. Participants must mention you are there for GTNA. Vintage is making a flyer for us. We may want to go door/door to distribute the flyers.

Annual Meeting: Mr. Russell suggested the date of April 21 but the City Council meets that day. Alternate dates suggested are Thursday, April 23, Tues April 14. Mr. Russell will contact the Meadowood Library to determine room availability. Alder Harrington McKinney recommended Elver Park Neighborhood Center.

Ms. Woodruff suggested the Anana School Gym. Ms. Bennett offered to research this option.

Mr. Rundle posted in the Zoom chat: "Will remote access to the Annual Meeting include an option for virtual voting?"

Mr. Russell will look into it. Mr. Kocher and Ms. Powers stated that we have not had voting at recent annual meetings and there are currently no plans to vote on any items.

Ms. Russell stated that an alternative to a vote during the meeting is to have an online full membership vote using the same method as the Holiday Lights Contest voting.

Ms. Woodruff stated that in the past, Annual meetings held votes on By-Law changes and Board members. She stated that the By-Laws state that only attendees can vote. You cannot vote by proxy. Mr. Rundle stated that Discrimination Civil Rights laws supersede By-Laws.

Mr. Rundle requested a virtual voting option. Mr. Russell stated that he will look into it.

Mr. Olson asked for civil conversation between neighbors.

Mr. Russell, host of the meeting, determined that Mr. Rundle was keeping the meeting from moving forward so Mr. Rundle was muted.

Potential Guest Speakers: Each guest speaker is allotted about 20 minutes.

Chelsea Elliot – Anana Elementary

Seth Coyne – Madison Police

Alder Barbara Harrington McKinney – City of Madison

Sheray Wallace – Meadowood Health Partnership

Tyson Jackson – MMSD Director of Family, Youth and Community Engagement (regarding the Toki Middle School renovation project). Mr. Jackson advised that the Toki School presentation is 30-45 minutes.

We need to schedule Alder Harrington McKinney (or whoever the alder is at the time after the election scheduled to occur in April) last on the agenda so that there will be time for questions after their presentation.

Ms. Clark stated that we should not have the Toki School presentation due to the length of his presentation. We should ask Mr Jackson for handouts that we will make available during the meeting.

Mr. Russell will review the comments and make recommendations for the presenters.

Ms. Woodruff asked for a handout with information on upcoming Greentree events. e.g. Garage Sale, Toki Middle School, Vintage GTNA Day, 4th of July, etc. We will have a table set up for those informational handouts.

Garage Sale: Ms. Sheahan suggested that this event should occur on May 15-16. Ms. Paulson will assist with the Google registration form and additional tech support. Other volunteers are needed for this event. Social media blasts similar to 2025 will be drafted. Ms. Sidor may be able to assist with this event. As part of the membership database, Ms. Ewanowski has list of people interested in participating and volunteering for the sale. Lynne Caravella will be asked to help. She volunteers every year.

Meadowood and Orchard Ridge neighborhoods are having their garage sales on May 8-9. In the past we have had our garage sale the same weekend as these two adjacent neighborhoods. We received comments in the past that having the GTNA Garage sale on the same date as Orchard Ridge and Meadowood was too many sales on the same day.

Renaming the Stump: Mr. Batha presented the idea of changing the newsletter name from the Stump to the Greentree Leaf. This can be presented to the members in a two-step electronic vote. First, present Mr. Batha's idea and ask the members for any other naming suggestions. Second, request a vote. The vote options will include keeping the name The Stump, changing the name to Greentree Leaf, or changing the name to a suggestion from GTNA members. If a name change is approved, the first edition of the new name would be the Fall 2026 newsletter. Mr. Russell asked the Board if they were in favor of a two-step process. They agreed to this process.

GTNA Bylaws Proposed Amendment Discussion: Ms. Woodruff commented that this should not be discussed in this forum. This topic was tabled in the December 2025 meeting. A copy of the proposed amendment was distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. The amended sections include defining term limits for board members and officers plus includes language for the removal of a board member or officer under certain circumstances. Mr. Kobs noted that we should also remove the specific name of the newsletter if we change the newsletter name. Once finalized there will be a vote of the Board. If approved, it will be presented at the Annual Meeting in April.

Membership Update: Ms. Ewanowski reported that membership is now **231** households. Six members still need to pay. She will follow up with these six households. Mr. Kocher advised that he received a check in the mail today.

Directory: The directory was assembled by Ms. Clark. We have hired a new printer. The directories were expected to be mailed by January 30 and should arrive around February 3. 99 households want the Directory electronically and others want both printed and electronic. Ms. Ewanowski collects membership information. She stated

that it is too much information to gather and organize (multiple names, multiple email addresses, multiple telephone numbers, etc.). We need to consider what data is most important to collect and adjust the form accordingly. We will ask the Membership Committee to make recommendations.

Also, we need to change the form's mailing address to Mr. Kocher's or Ms. Clark's address. Ms. Ewanowski travels frequently. This could create delays in adding members if her mail is held for weeks at a time. The Membership Committee can decide whose address to use and make the change to the online form. Ms. Bennett offered to help with membership.

Treasurer Report: Mr. Ewanowski reported that as of December 31, 2026, the GTNA account balance was **\$5343.20**. We had December expenses of **\$95.00** (Holiday Lights prizes) and income of **\$100.00** (new/renewal memberships). The 2025 total income was **\$8809**, with expenses of **\$5967**.

He also reported that, as of January 31, 2026, the GTNA account balance was **\$5151.42**. We had January expenses of **\$316.78** (Stump printing) and income of **\$125.00** (new/renewal memberships). Finances should be good through this membership cycle of 2025-2027.

A copy of the December 31, 2025 and January 31, 2026 Treasurer's Reports are attached to these minutes.

Other Items – Department of Civil Rights Complaint Filed against GTNA: A discrimination complaint was filed by Justin Rundle against Greentree Neighborhood Association. As of this date, there has been no update from the City of Madison Department of Civil Rights. Mr. Rundle posted the following in a Zoom Chat Sidebar:

Dear Complainant & Respondent:

The enclosed complaint of discrimination has been filed with the City of Madison Equal Opportunities Division (MEOD). The Wisconsin Equal Rights Division (ERD) has also accepted the complaint for co-filing under state law.

The MEOD and the ERD have a work-sharing agreement that covers the processing of discrimination complaints that are protected under state law and the local City of Madison Ordinance. Under this agreement, the agency that first receives the complaint will process it.

The enclosed complaint is being processed by the MEOD.

You will receive all notices regarding this complaint from the MEOD. The ERD

will honor the decision the MEOD makes at the conclusion of this case. If you receive an unfavorable decision from the MEOD, you must appeal that decision to the MEOD.

If you believe this complaint includes protected classes that are protected under the state law but not under the local ordinance, please contact the ERD in writing within thirty (30) days of receiving this letter to get additional information.

*Department of Workforce Development
Equal Rights Division
201 E Washington Ave Room A100
Madison WI 53703
(608)266-6860*

Sincerely,

*Bethany Matson
Equal Opportunity Division, Division Manager*

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 2, 2026, via Zoom

Attachments: December 31, 2025 and January 31, 2026, GTNA Treasurer's Reports

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dana Russell

GTNA Financials

January 2026 Bank Transactions

		Opening Balance (01/01/26)		\$ 5,343.20	
	<u>Check/Deposit</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
1/9	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,368.20	Membership-Wilson
1/11	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,393.20	Membership-Akins
1/16	Check # 1076	\$ - .00	\$ 316.78	\$ 5,076.42	Printing-Stump
1/20	DEP	\$ 75.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,151.42	Membership - x3
		Ending Balance (01/31/26)		\$ 5,151.42	

2026 Year to Date (Through January 31, 2026)

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Administration + Misc.				
Printing - Stump	\$ -	\$ 317	\$ (317)	Stump Printing
Printing - Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Website	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Annual Meeting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
T-Shirts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Membership				
Dues	\$ 125	\$ -	\$ 125	
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Events				
July 4th - Food	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
July 4th - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Gallop Run	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Garage Sale	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Halloween	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Holiday Lights	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL	\$ 125	\$ 317	\$ (192)	

December 2025 Bank Transactions

		Opening Balance (12/01/25)		\$ 5,338.20	
	<u>Check/Deposit</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
12/1	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,363.20	Membership-Wiza
12/8	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,388.20	Membership-Jenquin
12/19	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,413.20	Membership-Armendariz
12/21	Deposit	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,438.20	Membership-Lourich
12/22	Zelle	\$ - .00	\$ 95.00	\$ 5,343.20	Holiday Lights Prizes (T. Olson)
		Ending Balance (12/31/2025)		\$ 5,343.20	

Summary	\$ 100.00	\$ (95.00)	\$ 5.00
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Check Last Month	\$ 8,708.50	\$ (5,871.57)	\$ 2,836.93
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2025 Year to Date (Through December 31, 2025)

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Administration + Misc.				
Printing - Stump	\$ -	\$ 2,011	\$ (2,011)	Stump Printing (x4 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	\$ 5,688	\$ -	\$ 5,688	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	\$ -	\$ 128	\$ (128)	Bonfire Permits
Holiday Lights	\$ -	\$ 205	\$ (205)	Gift Cards (2024 & 2025)
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL	\$ 8,809	\$ 5,967	\$ 2,842	