

# **GTNA Board Meeting Minutes**

## **May 6, 2024**

### **6:30pm - 7:40 pm via Zoom**

**Attendees:** Jay Russell, Dana Russell, Helen Sheahan, Gary Kobs, Kathe Powers, Trevor Olson, Jane Sarafiny, Ruth Paulson

**Guests:** None

**Regrets:** Mayo Ewanowski, David Ewanowski, Kathy Batha, Serene Arena, Danielle Gale

**Zoom Access:** We should use the Greentree Meeting tab on the screen

**Meeting Minutes:** The Revised April 2024 meeting minutes were approved.

#### **Annual Meeting Recap:**

- Linda Horvath (City of Madison) stated she was impressed by the turnout for the meeting. Kirstie Laatsch could not make it to the meeting. She was more knowledgeable about the West Side plan.
- Follow up with Anana PTO and helping the school – Ms. Paulson noted that teachers walking kids to school from Tailor Place Apartments is upsetting. We should write to the School Board to provide better transportation for the children. It was also suggested that we request support from Alder Harrington McKinney. Mr. Russell noted that Alder Harrington McKinney and County Supervisor Glazer were discussing this issue. They may not have been aware of this occurring.

**Anana School PTO** asked for volunteer assistance this summer maintaining the garden – watering, weeding, planting, etc.

**Promoting Westside Community Connections:** The next meeting is Thursday, May 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m. This session will be different in format and will be held in-person at Vel Phillips Memorial High School, 201 S Gammon Rd, Madison.

**Garage Sale Recap:** Ms. Sheahan reported that 21 households registered, only 20 opened. Six of the participants were not GTNA members. Ms. Paulson has created a new gmail address as requested by Mary Lorch. The balloons were much more expensive than in past years. If the price remains high, we may forego balloons in 2025. It was decided that we require participants to be members of GTNA. There were other households holding sales but did not have the advantage of the GTNA social media blast, printed maps, balloons.

Ms. Sheahan and Ms. Paulson noted that Orchard Ridge garage sale participants are required to be neighborhood association members. It was recommended that in the future we should have the sale on a different weekend from Orchard Ridge and Meadowood.

**Halloween Bonfire:** Mr. Kobs agreed to coordinate the bonfire at Sunridge Park. He will coordinate with the group in that area.

**National Night Out Tues. Aug. 6:** It was decided that GTNA will not participate in this August 6 event. It is too soon after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We will table this decision until early 2025.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July:**

- Ms. Paulson has applied for the 4 of July Parade Permit. She asked Ms. Sarafiny if there will be a follow up procedure/confirmation from the City of Madison.
- We need a volunteer coordinator. Ms. Sarafiny will coordinate the volunteers but is unavailable on the 4<sup>th</sup>. She is prepared to train whoever is willing to coordinate the volunteers on the day of the event.
- Mr. Russell will meet with Katie Place regarding the food order. We will increase the quantity from last year.
- Need the following positions for 4<sup>th</sup> of July:
  - Gallop Coordinator: Ms. Powers offered to coordinate the Gallop if Ms. Ewanowski will train her as she was the past Gallop coordinator.
  - Parade Coordinator: Ms. Paulson. She has already applied for the parade permit.
  - Picnic Coordinator: We will need a Grilling Manager, someone to run the Membership table (cash and electronic payments will be accepted). We anticipate the usual volunteers will manage the food ticket sales.
  - Cashless Payments: Mr. Olson suggested a procedure to have cashless payments available – QR code, receipts, etc. He offered to formalize a plan for this new procedure.
  - Kids Activities: Ms. Russell will organize the kids activities – sidewalk chalk, tattoos, and the clown with balloons. She will contact Sharay Wallace to confirm that the balloon art clown is willing to be at the park on the 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Ms. Powers stated that she cannot coordinate both the Gallop and Holiday Lights. She will keep the Gallop and will need assistance.
  - Ms. Sheahan will coordinate the distribution of Gallop T-Shirts. The shirts will be delivered to their homes.
  - We will provide a Gallop sticker to all who complete the race.
  - The deadline for ordering T-Shirts is June 3. Ms. Powers will submit the T-shirt order to the printer no later than June 7. There is a minimum order of 72 shirts to get the best price. Any extra (not pre-ordered) T-shirts will be sold at the July 4 picnic.

**Greentree Gallop T-Shirts:** As of May 6, we have only 5 orders for T-shirts. We should post the order form on all social media points. Mr. Russell will work with Ms. Sheahan and Ms. Paulson to put the form on social media as soon as possible.

We should have a table set up to sell extra unsold t-shirts. Ms. Sheahan offered to coordinate the t-shirt sales on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

All sponsors that promised to pay have now paid. That total is \$875.

**Membership:** Ms. Ewanowski was unable to attend the meeting by reported we received two new membership applications. We also received one new member from the Garage Sale for a total of 231 members.

**Treasurer Report:** Mr. Ewanowski was not available for this meeting.

Next meeting - Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm via Zoom

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Dana Russell*