

GTNA Board Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2026
6:31 pm – 7:38 pm via Zoom

Attendees: Jay Russell, Dana Russell, Helen Sheahan, Alex Kocher, Mayo Ewanowski, David Ewanowski, Kathy Batha, Kathe Powers, Gary Kobs, Melissa Bennett, Liz Sidor

Absent: Trevor Olson, Raymond Neal, Terrah Clark

Guests: Justin Rundle – Greentree Member, Linda Koss - Greentree Member, Jane Sarafiny, Greentree Member, Karl Lettner - Greentree Member, Jack and Debbie Spear - Greentree Members, Jackie Woodruff – Greentree Member, Garden Club Co-President

This Zoom meeting is recorded.

Welcome Guests

February Meeting Minutes: Mr. Russell called for the approval of the February 2, 2026 meeting minutes.

Mr. Rundle Sidechat: “Justin Rundle Member Point of Order, GTNA President: The February 2026 minutes as presented are incomplete. They omit a retaliatory comment made by a Board guest—spouse of Board Member Batha—who stated, "Yeah, good luck with that", in response to my "no retaliation" comment. As this meeting is part of an active City of Madison Civil Rights investigation (Case #2026-0007), approving any minutes with this "scrubbed" constitutes a falsification of the public record. I request the minutes be corrected to reflect the actual record before any vote is taken. Justin Rundle”

Mr. Russell responded to Mr. Rundle’s comment that the minutes are not intended to be a transcription of the meeting. There were no other suggested corrections. Ms. Powers motioned for approval, this was seconded by Mr. Ewanowski.

Annual Meeting: The GTNA Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8 from 6:00 to 7:30pm at the Meadowridge Community Center.

- **Remote/Virtual Access.** Mr. and Ms. Russell had a meeting with the Library Staff on March 2 to discuss remote access to for the Annual Meeting. Mr. Russell reported that the library can accommodate our remote access needs with technical support by providing a laptop, camera, and Wi-Fi access. We will use the GTNA Zoom account. We need to test the Zoom meeting session at 5:30pm at the Library.
- Participants will have visual and audio access but will not be able to speak. If they have comments, they will need to add it in the Zoom chat. We will have an individual monitoring the zoom session who will relay any comments to the meeting.

- We will send a MailChimp email blast to the membership prior to the meeting announcing remote access which will include the zoom access information.
- Preparation: We will get access to the Community Room at 5:45pm. We will need volunteers to assist in set up of chairs, tables for flyers, a table for refreshments, set up of electronics. The meeting will start at 6:00pm.
 - Information Table – Mr. Ewanowski will locate and modify the 2025 form (agenda at top/comments at bottom for page). Mr. Russell will provide volunteer sign-up form.
 - We will need a handout announcing upcoming Greentree events: Garage Sale, Vintage GTNA Day, 4th of July, Food Truck Dates, Kids Play Dates, Toki Middle School Changes. Ms. Ewanowski will monitor this table. Ms. Woodruff asked if the SW Planning Commission link could be added to this handout. Ms. Sidor will also create a digital copy for any remote/virtual participants of the meeting.
 - Ms. Bennett added a Sidechat: “If you make the flier design in Canva or if we make it a google doc you can create a link and we could put that in the Zoom chat.”
 - Ms. Sheahan and Ms. Powers volunteered to monitor the Zoom remote access laptop. Ms. Woodruff also offered to assist.
 - Water: Ms. Russell will provide.
 - Cookies: Mr. Kocher will supply cookies
 - Napkins: Ms. Powers
 - Board members will clean up and reassemble room – must be out by 7:45.
- Presenters: Because past Annual Meetings have been rushed with three presenters, we are having only two presenters this year. They will allow more time for questions. The presenters are: Chelsea Elliott - Anana Elementary School Principal, and Seth Coyne, Madison Police Department, Neighborhood Resource Officer
- Agenda Items/Announcements:
 - **Garage Sale**, Ms. Sheahan. She will send information to Mr. Russell to add to the PowerPoint display.
 - **Tool Share Library**, Aedan Gardill. Ms. Bennett noted that she has a neighbor that has skill in creating electronic forms. He could possibly help Mr. Gardill create a form for his project.
 - **Greentree T-Shirts for 4th of July**, Ms. Powers. The winning T-shirt will be announced and displayed at the meeting. Ms. Powers will have a flyer and order forms available at the meeting.
 - **Greentree Day at Vintage** (Sunday, June 14), Ms. Powers will make an announcement about this fund raiser. She will also have a flyer available for members to take.
 - **Kids Park Play Dates:** The plan is that Mr. Olson will provide an update at the Annual Meeting.
 - **Food Truck Events:** The plan is that Mr. Neal will provide an update at the Annual Meeting.

- **Renaming the Stump**, Mr. Batha. Mr. Batha will announce the contest and upcoming membership vote to possibly rename the Stump.
- **Toki Middle School**, Mr. Russell will reach out to Mr. Tyson Jackson to request information to be distributed to the membership regarding upcoming changes at Toki Middle School.
- Mr. Russell asked the group if there were any additional topics we should announce at the meeting. There were no additional suggestions.

Ms. Batha Sidechat: Mr. and Ms. Batha will create and put out signs publicizing the Annual Meeting, as usual.

Mr. Rundle Sidechat: “Did the Treasurer’s Report approved today account for the left over \$50 Nonno’s Restaurant Gift Card?” Mr. Ewanowski said he would address this question directly with Mr. Rundle after the meeting.

Greentree T-Shirt Update: Ms. Power reported that this year’s design contest is being launched on our social media platforms this week. The 2026 design theme is a patriotic recognition of the US 250 Year Celebration. The deadline for designs is March 31. We are hoping to have a prototype shirt ready for the annual meeting. Ms. Powers encouraged everyone on the board to submit a design.

Ms. Powers also reported that most of the 2025 sponsors have committed to sponsor again for 2026. Vintage Brewing will again have a GTNA Day (June 14) donating 10% of sales for patrons who mention “Greentree”. In 2025 Vintage contributed \$230.

Garage Sale Update: Ms. Sheahan reported that preparations are in place for the May 15-16 Garage Sale. The comments received are that most people are happy with the date selected. The sign-up form is in place, and it feeds directly to a spreadsheet. Social media blasts are scheduled. It was also suggested that we advertise on the WIBA Saturday morning announcements. The balloons are expensive (\$40±), but worth it. Participants must be a GTNA member. It was also suggested that a “Save the Date” be circulated. Ms. Sheahan will work with Ms. Sidor on this suggestion.

By-Laws Amendment: Ms. Russell advised that, in light of the criticisms of the current version of the bylaws, she will dig through the archives to assemble a history of the bylaws going as far back as possible, 60+ years. After the research has been completed, she will need 1 or 2 volunteers to help review and re-write the bylaws. She will not have time to do this research for a few months. This committee will try to have a proposed document and presentation ready later this year. She emphasized that GTNA is a loosely organized group of volunteers whose primary objective is to organize activities for the neighborhood. Volunteers included Mr. Rundle, Ms. Woodruff.

May Meeting: Because Mr. and Ms. Russell will be unavailable to attend the May meeting.

- Mr. Russell asked for a volunteer to run the meeting in his absence. He will draft agenda prior to the meeting.
- Ms. Russell also asked for a volunteer to take minutes in her absence.

Special Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026: Mr. Russell stated that the minutes of the February 17, 2026 Special Meeting has been circulated to the Board prior to this meeting. There were no other suggested corrections. Ms. Sheahan motioned for approval, and was seconded by Mr. Kocher.

Membership Update: Ms. Bennett is working with Ms. Ewanowski to learn to Membership tasks. Ms. Ewanowski reported that membership is now 234 households.

Treasurer Report: Mr. Ewanowski reported that as of 2-28-2026 the GTNA account balance was **\$4,858.29**. We had February expenses of **\$611.22** (directory printing, zoom subscription, website renewal) and income of **\$318.09** (new/renewal memberships, anonymous donor of Zoom Pro subscription). The Nonno’s gift card was purchased/reimbursed by Mr. Ewanowski.

Mr. Rundle challenged the holiday lights costs for 2024 and 2025. Mr. Kocher or Mr. Ewanowski will follow up with an email to Mr. Rundle to explain those expenses.

A copy of the February 28, 2026 Treasurer’s Report is attached to these minutes.

GTNA Treasurer Position: Mr. Ewanowski has submitted his resignation as Treasurer. Mr. Kocher expressed his willingness to become Treasurer. The board vote for election of Treasurer is as follows:

VOTE: **TOPIC:** Appointment/Election/Confirmation of Treasurer – Alex Kocher
DATE: March 2, 2026
FINALIZED: March 2, 2026
VOTE CHOICES: YES or NO

Board Member	Yes	No
Kathy Batha	X	
Melissa Bennett	X	
Terrah Clark	Absent	Absent
Mayo Ewanowski	X	
Dave Ewanowski	X	
Gary Kobs	X	
Alex Kocher	X	
Raymond Neal	Absent	Absent
Trevor Olson – Absent	Absent	Absent
Kathe Powers	X	
Dana Russell	X	
Jay Russell	X	
Helen Sheahan	X	
Liz Sidor	X	
TOTAL	11	0
QUORUM ACHIEVED? 50% (7 Members): YES		

Other items:

- **Big Share Madison.** Ms. Bennett announced that Big Share Madison is scheduled for March 10. This event supports area non-profits. We may want to announce this event on our social media platforms. thebigshare.org.
- **Anana School.** Ms. Bennett also announced that Anana School is performing a needs assessment of their student population, addressing clothing, food, and other items. Once the assessment is completed, we may want to announce the results on our social media platforms. She will keep us updated on the progress of this assessment.
- **MailChimp.** Ms. Ewanowski reported that our free version of MailChimp has hit the maximum. We will need to move to the paid version, \$13/month. Free MailChimp has a 250-subscriber limit. With members having multiple email addresses, we currently have 374 subscribers. Ms. Ewanowski will work with Ms. Clark to move to the paid version. This will also enable us to have up to 3 individuals with access to the program. Currently, only one individual can access MailChimp. A vote of the board to incur this expense was as follows:

VOTE: TOPIC: Approve use of fee based Mailchimp subscription, a \$13/month expense

DATE: March 2, 2026

FINALIZED: March 2, 2026

VOTE CHOICES: Yes = approve the expenditure

No = do not approve the expenditure

Board Member	Yes	No
Kathy Batha	X	
Melissa Bennett	X	
Terrah Clark	Absent	
Mayo Ewanowski	X	
Dave Ewanowski	X	
Gary Kobs	X	
Alex Kocher	X	
Raymond Neal	Absent	
Trevor Olson	Absent	
Kathe Powers	X	
Dana Russell	X	
Jay Russell	X	
Helen Sheahan	X	
Liz Sidor	X	
TOTAL	11	
QUORUM ACHIEVED? 50% (7 Members): YES		

- **4th of July Suggestion.** Ms. Powers volunteered to man a tent to perform first aid and blood pressure checks. We need to add this item to the April agenda for further discussion.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 6, 2026, via Zoom

Attachments: February 28, 2026 GTNA Treasurer's Reports

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dana Russell

2026 Year to Date (Through February 28, 2026)

	Income	Expense	Net	Remarks
Administration + Misc.				
Printing - Stump	\$ -	\$ 317	\$ (317)	Stump Printing
Printing - Directory	\$ -	\$ 383	\$ (383)	Directory Printing
Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Website	\$ -	\$ 110	\$ (110)	
Annual Meeting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
T-Shirts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Zoom Subscription	\$ 118	\$ 118	\$ -	Subscription + Donation
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Membership				
Dues	\$ 275	\$ -	\$ 275	
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Events				
July 4th - Food	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
July 4th - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Gallop Run	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Garage Sale	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Halloween	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Holiday Lights	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50	Nonno's Gift Certificate
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL	\$ 443	\$ 928	\$ (485)	

February 2026 Bank Transactions

		Opening Balance (02/01/26)			
					\$ 5,151.42
	Check/Deposit	Income	Expense	Balance	
2/2	Zelle	\$ 50.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,201.42	Ewanowski - Nonno's Certificate
2/10	DEP	\$ 50.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,251.42	Membership-x2
2/15	Zelle	\$ 50.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,301.42	Membership-Tazifua
2/15	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,326.42	Membership-Roze
2/15	Zelle	\$ 25.00	\$ - .00	\$ 5,351.42	Membership-Sims
2/27	Check # 1077	\$ - .00	\$ 383.13	\$ 4,968.29	Printing - Directory
2/23	Zelle	\$ - .00	\$ 118.09	\$ 4,850.20	Zoom Subscription
2/28	Zelle	\$ 118.09	\$ - .00	\$ 4,968.29	Anon. Donation - Zoom Subscription
2/28	Zelle	\$ - .00	\$ 110.00	\$ 4,858.29	Website - P. Cowles
		Ending Balance (02/28/26)			\$ 4,858.29