

OHNA Board Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type:	2023 November Annual Board Meeting		
Date & Time of Meeting:	November 21, 2023, at 7:00 PM	Location:	GR Christian Elementary
Date & Time of Next Meeting:	January 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM	Location:	GR Christian Elementary
Minutes Prepared By:	Lisa Theule, OHNA Secretary		

1. Meeting Objective

Annual Board Meeting – Discussion and Business

2. Attendance at Meeting (15 Present)

Name	Block	Type	Present Absent	Name	Type	Present Absent
Mike Hanson	2	President	P	Fred Davison (GUEST)		
Tom Geelhoed	5	Vice President	P	Captain Cathy Williams (GUEST)		
Craig Geers	11	Treasurer	P	Nancy Dodge (GUEST)		
Lisa Theule	2	Secretary	P			
Robert Amaya	1	Block Captain	P	Cray Mulder	Block Captain	A
Janet Hanson	2	Block Captain	P	Jon Tinholt	Block Captain	A
Nancy Winden	3	Block Captain	A	Liz Maher	Block Captain	A
OPEN	4	Block Captain	A	Dawn Jenkins	Block Captain	A
Kim Bolt	5	Block Captain	P	OPEN	Block Captain	A
OPEN	6	Block Captain	A	Bob and Pam Nichols	Block Captain	A
Dave Walker	7	Managing Officer Block Captain	P	Bob Crow	Block Captain	P
Nate TenBrink	8	Block Captain	P	OPEN	Block Captain	A
Sarah Steger	9	Block Captain	A	Peri denDulk	Block Captain	A
Kathleen Kelly	10	Block Captain	P	Simon Vance	Block Captain	A
Robert Lee	11	Block Captain	P	OPEN	Block Captain	A

3. Future Board Meeting Dates (NO MEETINGS IN JULY OR DECEMBER)

Date	Location	Time
January 16, 2024	Grand Rapids Christian Elementary	7:00 PM

4. Treasurer's Report

Topic	Leads	Discussion
11/08/2023 Treasurer's Report	Craig Geers	<p>Total Expenses \$1,829.17. Income \$225.00. Balance \$15,232.53. Expenses include: \$1,737.50 for trees, \$86.40 for Gmail account charges, \$5.27 for Venmo fees. General fund/dues \$9,988.00, Garden Tour \$811.00, Tree fund \$1,836.00, Pontiac Field \$1,153.00 (less \$1,000.00 not shown – Oaks of Righteousness), Misc. \$10.00, OHNA Newsletter \$1,435.00.</p> <p>Not much activity this month. Two big checks, Jeff Shutz (7 trees and support for that), GRCS - \$1,000 donation for trees – Oaks of Righteousness. The annual newsletter category is strong due to advertising. Highlights – 188 paid dues. About 64% - average based on the last 10 years. Holiday décor – don't have invoice yet around \$5,500. We will have our lowest year-end balance at \$9,987.54. Gmail costs went up substantially. Block 5 was the highest rating with dues collected at 95%, block 7 at 89%. We have numerous lists and forms of contact information. In 2024 think about a reporting system. Donating to holiday décor directly will be in a new category in 2024.</p>

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General Discussion & Action Items		
Topic	Leads	Discussion/Action
October Minutes	Mike Hanson	No changes.
President's Report	Mike Hanson	Thank you to everyone (volunteers, exec committee, block captains). We had some births and a few deaths of beloved neighbors, 13 homes changed hands. The updated Policies and Procedures manual was finalized thanks to Dave Walker. Captain Williams attended several of our meetings. We had a great summer of food trucks + live music, with the positive addition of tables and chairs. Thank you to Kathleen and Amy for coordinating. The Garden Tour had a strong attendance. The neighborhood addressed speeding, traffic calming, and the city performed several studies. We researched text alerts and plan to implement in 2024. We researched solar crosswalks and may implement 1-2 in 2024 with the support of the school. We planted more trees and hope to maintain a schedule or planting every other year. We began a relationship with the neighboring King Park Association. They attended our food truck events. The Ice cream social was a huge success. School of Rock and GRPD attended. We purchased sustainable holiday decorations thanks to Robert Amaya. We met with John Barkel (Principal of the GR Christian Elementary) and will keep those lines of communication open. Our Secretary, Lisa Theule is stepping down. Thank you for her work.
Executive Committee Slate of Officers	Group Discussion	The following slate was communicated to the neighborhood on October 6 and November 14. Mike Hanson, President – Tom Geelhoed, Vice President – Craig Geers, Treasurer – Dave Walker, Managing Officer – OPEN POSITION, Secretary. A motion to pass this slate of officers was submitted by Fred with support by Janet. This slate passed unanimously.
2024 Dues Increase	Dave Walker	Dave read the proposal and submitted a motion to increase 2024 dues to \$25.00 per household due to rising costs of goods and services. Fred gave support and the vote was unanimous. The motion passed.
Bylaws Changes	Dave Walker	The board proposed several improvements. The first being officers holding office for two years (rather than one) and/or until their successors are elected. The second being technical and conforming edits. The third being eliminating the nominating committee, since historically we don't operate that way. The board talks to neighbors, gauges interest and develops a slate. Fred suggested a three-year term for officers. Forming a task force to explore options on how to get more people involved was discussed. Would meeting at neighbors' homes again help, an attempt to bring fun into the meetings. Dave offered to spearhead exploring new options. A motion to change officers' terms from one to three years was submitted by Fred, with support by Kim Bolt. The motion did not pass. A motion to keep the proposed changes to the bylaws as originally submitted was put on the table by Kathleen Kelly with support by Nate TenBrink. This motion was passed. A motion to accept the proposed conforming edits was submitted by Bob Crow with support by Fred. The motion was passed.
Open Positions	Group Discussion	Continue to brainstorm on how to get other neighbors involved. Current participation is not sustainable. We tried a virtual option, and no one attended in that format. Canvas and survey neighborhood to see what the hang-up is. Volunteering isn't the thing right now overall. Maybe try couples' positions (take turns). Simon Vance and Amy will do food trucks. Garden Tour needs a chairperson, annual newsletter needs lead and open block captain positions.
Safety Report	Captain Cathy Williams	Cathy noted her enjoyment in participating in several neighborhood functions. Keep thinking about porch pirates. Noted a home on Calvin that is active with violations, the police continue to obtain search warrants, but home is not a rental which is complicated. Sons, history in and out of jail. Drones have been helpful.

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Block Captains & Guests	Various	<p>Kim - Oaks of Righteousness were planted, maybe get article out/pictures in newsletter. Dog waste and dogs running free in the park continue to be an issue.</p> <p>Fred noted interest from the Historical Society to publish a history article about OHNA – first suburb in city of GR. A lot involved and will need help from writers. Pam VanderPloeg is excited and interested. Kathy Vance has historical information. Maybe Pam could attend a meeting in 2024. WGVU – built a program about our neighborhood, shown on WGVU.</p> <p>Robert – holiday decorations came ahead of time. Wired the ornaments. The weather was great, it took two days to put them up. Giddings took 2 ½ hours. Robert will store them (7 boxes). Restoration of bench on Pontiac is done. The board presented a gif card showing thanks to Robert.</p>
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6. Future TGIF Dates (3rd Friday of the Month from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

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7. Neighborhood Event Dates

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