

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association (GPNA) Membership Meeting

January 16, 2025, The Way Church

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Ken Brooks, President, and introduced the following officers:
 - President, Ken Brooks
 - Vice President- open
 - Secretary – Debbie Butts
 - Treasurer- Joe Stokes
- Special guests in attendance were introduced as follows:
 - Officer Julinn Torres, Police Area Representative City of Springfield Police Department.
 - Bobbi Ream, Meadow Park Neighborhood Association, League of Women Voters Southwest Missouri, Registrar, Greene County, was available at the meeting to assist with registering any non-voters in attendance.
- Guest speaker: Brent Stock, Executive Director of the James River Basin Partnership (JRBP).
 - JRBP is a grassroots, not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization working to improve and protect the water quality of the springs, streams, rivers, and lakes in the James River watershed which consists of almost a million acres of land in portions of eight counties, beginning in Webster County and flowing through Greene (Springfield), Christian, Stone, and four other tributary counties, eventually flowing into Table Rock Lake. Brent emphasized the importance of knowing what we put on our lawns and down our drains will eventually end up in our lakes and streams affecting not only our drinking water but the ecosystem.
- **Secretary's Report**
 - Debbie Butts, Secretary, referred members to the printed Secretary's Report of GPNA October 15, 2024 membership meeting. With no questions or corrections, a motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and approved. The draft of today's minutes will be posted on the GPNA Facebook page for future reference.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Joe Stokes reviewed the printed GPNA financial statement and budget comparison sheet with special attention given to the revenue received from participation in the Clean Green Neat Neighborhood Contest and the Bass Pro Cheering competition along with donations received at our 2024 neighborhood clean-up event last spring. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report to be filed for audit, was seconded and approved. The Treasurer's report will be posted to the GPNA Facebook page for future reference.
- Par Officer Julinn Torres spoke briefly concerning incidents of thefts from vehicles. She emphasized the importance of not leaving the keys in cars unattended. Also, possessions, such as purses etc, should not be visible even in a locked car when the car is left unattended.

- **Unfinished or Old Business**

- Joe Stokes referred to the printed information from Michael Brittain (made available to members at the meeting) concerning GPNA's award for the Clean Green Neat Neighborhood Contest. The information stated the funds are to be used only for "beautification" purposes of our neighborhood and included some project ideas. Members are encouraged to submit other suggestions for consideration.
- Ken Brooks reported that the street improvements to Kansas Avenue have been approved for design input in 2025. The project was given priority based on the interest shown in our neighborhood when given the opportunity to vote on City projects.

- **New Business**

- Bobbi Ream spoke on behalf of Michael Brittain (who was unable to attend) regarding SGF Kickball. This is a kickball tournament to be held between neighborhoods this spring. She gave some of the details of the event and encouraged individuals to sign up to participate. It has been promoted on the GPNA Facebook page, with Michael Brittain taking the lead on the event for our neighborhood
- Ken announced Greater Parkcrest and Mark Twain Neighborhoods have joined again for our Yearly Neighborhood City/CPO sponsored clean-up on May 3, 2025, which will be held at Sunset Church of Christ. Our event last year was a great success receiving over \$800 in donations for GPNA plus additional donations for the other 2 neighborhoods.
- Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Yard Sale (along with Mark Twain) will be held Thursday April 24 through Saturday April 26, 2025.
- The 2nd Annual Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Block Party will be held on Saturday May 31, 2025. (Volunteers are needed for Friendly Committee).
- Bill Butts, Nominating Committee Chair, explained the By-law requirement to form a nominating committee in an election year consisting of a chair and two at-large members of the organization to present a slate of officers at the next membership meeting for a vote.

- No new business from the floor.

- **Announcements**

- Next Association General Meeting is planned for Thursday April 17, 2025.

- A motion was made for the meeting to be adjourned, was seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

