

Greater Parkcrest Association (GPNA) Membership Meeting

July 18, 2024

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30. Ken Brooks, President, referred members to the printed handouts available at the Welcome Table and thanked Ramona DeArmond for furnishing the cupcakes for the meeting. The special guests were introduced:
 - Officer Julian Torres Police Area Representative (PAR) of Springfield Police Department.
 - Brandon Jenson, Springfield City Council
 - Courtney Trotter, Prevention Specialist, Greene County Children's Division.
 - Shae Johnson, Master Gardener and Master Naturalist.

Special Guest Speakers

- PAR officer Julinn Toress gave a brief history of her background with the police department. She also addressed neighborhood issues such as speeding and the distracted driving ordinance in the process by the City.
- Courtney Trotter, Prevention Specialist with the Greene County Children's Division spoke concerning her role in child abuse prevention and the reporting process.
- Shae Johnson, Master Gardener and Master Naturalist gave a presentation on native plants and pollinators.

Secretary's Report

- Debbie Butts, secretary referred to the written Secretary's Report of GPNA April 18, 2024 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 GPNA Facebook page for future reference.

Treasurer's Report

- Joe Stokes, Treasurer, reviewed the printed financial statements. With no questions or corrections, a motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report to be filed for audit. It was seconded and approved.

Unfinished or Old Business

- Michael Brittain, Volunteer Group Lead Clean Green Neat Neighborhood Contest, presented information regarding the current initiative in the City of Springfield. Sponsored by the Hatch Foundation, it is a competition between neighborhoods to promote a cleaner, greener and happier city. The competition ends September 1, 2024. All neighbors are encouraged to participate.
- Ken Brooks, President, asked for volunteers for the Executive Board Member Positions including vice president. Anyone interested in more information regarding these positions were encouraged to contact him by phone at (417) 501-4699 or email at GreaterParkcrest@gmail.com.
- No other unfinished business was requested from the floor.

New Business

- Ken Brooks reported Greater Parkcrest and Mark Twain have submitted their paperwork for our yearly Neighborhood Cleanup for May 2025. Our last cleanup held on May 4, 2024 was a great success.
- GPNA received a request by the PTA of Horace Mann Elementary to sponsor Mann PTA student t-shirts.
 - Bill made a motion for the association to give \$150 to Horace Mann for t-shirts. After discussion, the motion was seconded and approved by members.
- A Neighborhood Block Party will be held by GPNA along with The Way Church on Thursday, August 15, 2024 from 5 to 8:30 pm at the Way Church. More information was made available on printouts and will be posted on GPNA Facebook. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. GPNA will provide and cook hotdogs for the event.
- Carol McCarthy recognized the “Worker Bees” who have been helping with planting and caring for the new plants at the Columns and Shyanne Estates with decorated rocks like bees.
- No new business from the floor was presented.

Announcements

- Next Association General Meeting is planned for Thursday October 17, 2024.
- Neighborhood garage sale date to be determined.

Adjournment

- A motion was made for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:15 pm, was seconded and approved.

Submitted by Debbie Butts, Secretary

July 23, 2024

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Next meeting Thursday October 17, 2024.

Thanks to Ramona for cupcakes.

