

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association (GPNA)

Thursday, April 17, 2025

The Way Church

- Ken Brooks, President welcomed everyone and introduced the special guests:
 - Officer Scott Wallace, Police Area Representative City of Springfield (PAR) officer for West Central, attended the meeting in place of our PAR officer, Julinn Torres, who was unable to attend the meeting.
 - Questions were presented regarding illegal parking on Westview during after school pick-up times, regulations of signs and advertisements on utility poles, and suspicious vehicles in the neighborhood.
 - Springfield Fire Department Captain Brian Thompson, and Fire Fighters Nick Lopez and Josh Buckner from Fire Station No. 9 were introduced. Captain Brian Thompson reviewed the following topics:
 - Quarterly Neighborhood Association Statistics which breaks down the percentage of calls they respond to and the reason (e.g. fire, medical, car accidents, etc).
 - Project Red Zone-- a free service to inspect and replace homeowners' smoke detectors.
 - Hard-of-Hearing Smoke Alarm Program offered to individuals who are hearing impaired.
 - Ronnie Bell, Springfield Greene County Office of Emergency Management (Seasonal Safety) spoke on precautions to be taken during and the importance of awareness at all times during storms.
 - Grady Porter, City of Springfield Public Works, reviewed the plans of the Kansas Avenue project.
- Ken Brooks called the business meeting to order.
 - Secretary's Report
 - Debbie Butts, Secretary, referred the members to the minutes made available for review. With no questions or corrections, a motion was made for approval, was seconded and approved.
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Joe Stokes, Treasurer, reviewed and referred to the printed copies of the Financial Statements for Fiscal year May 1, 2024 to April 15, 2025, and the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year May 2025 to April 2026. A motion was made for approval, seconded and approved to be filed for audit.
 - Unfinished or Old Business

- Michael Brittain, Clean Committee Chairman Neat Neighborhood Contest announced we are still accepting and reviewing recommendations for use of the funds awarded for the contest.
- GPNA and Mark Twain Neighborhood's Yard Sale will be held on Thursday April 24-Sunday April 27, 2025.
- GPNA and Mark Twain Neighborhood's yearly neighborhood City/CPO-sponsored cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Residents will soon receive postcards in the mail with information regarding the cleanup event.
- No additional unfinished business was announced from the floor.
- New Business
 - Bill Butts, Nominating Committee Chair for the Election of Executive Officers, presented the following slate of officers for the Executive Committee of GPNA to serve for a term of 2 years as follows:
 - President- Ken Brooks
 - Vice President-Bill Butts
 - Secretary-Debbie Butts
 - Treasurer-Joe Stokes
 - A request was made for any other officers to be nominated and there were none.
 - A motion was made for approval of the presented slate as listed above, seconded and approved.
 - The 2nd Annual GPNA Block Party/The Way Church (with invitation to Mark Twain Neighborhood) will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 4 to 7 pm. Volunteers are needed with a set up time from 2-4 pm.
- Announcements
 - Next GPNA General Meeting is planned for Thursday, July 17, 2025.
 - A request was made for any other announcements from the floor and there were none.
- A motion was made for the meeting to be adjourned, seconded and approved.

Submitted by Debbie Butts, Secretary

