

## **Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association (GPNA) Membership Meeting**

**April 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 introduced the special guests:
  - Officer Nathan Thieman, Police Area Representative (PAR) City of Springfield Police Department.
  - Courtney Ellis, Principal, Horace Mann Elementary.
  - Brandon Jenson, City of Springfield Resource Center.
  - Donna Thomas, City of Springfield Citizens Resource Center.
  - Angie Atwell, Springfield-Greene County Health Department.
  - Trey Metzethin, Special Events and Cruse Dog Park, Springfield-Greene County Park Board.
- Debbie Butts, Secretary, referred the members to the printed Secretary's Report of GPNA January 18, 2024 meeting. There were 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.
- Joe Stokes, Treasurer, reviewed the printed financial statements. With no questions, a motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report to be filed for audit, it was seconded and approved. The Treasurer's report will be posted on the GPNA Facebook page for future reference.
- **Unfinished or Old Business**
  - Springfield GPNA garage sale dates are scheduled for April 25-26 -27, 2024.
  - The neighborhoods of Greater Parkcrest, Mark Twain and Fassnight will be combined for a City Neighborhood Clean-up scheduled on May 4 to be held at Sunset Church of Christ. Postcards with information will be mailed out to all residents by the City of Springfield. Volunteers are needed to help with the event.
  - No additional unfinished business from the floor was presented.
- **New Business**
  - [www.GreaterParkcrest.org](http://www.GreaterParkcrest.org)
    - Schools Tab
      - Courtney Ellis, Principal, Horace Mann Elementary
        - Information on new FEMA shelter being built at Horace Mann.
        - Appreciation was given to the GPNA for our contribution to the Cents of Pride program and how it has benefited the students.
        - School-wide testing will be done in the next couple of weeks and requested members to write encouraging notes to students during this time.
    - Resources Tab
      - Donna Thomas (417-864-1010), Citizens Resource Center.

- Angie Atwell, Springfield-Greene County Health Department.
  - NARCAN kits discussed and made available to members at the meeting.
  - REVIVE417.COM gives information on how to prevent overdose deaths and includes about Good Samaritan laws, information about treatment and recovery services.
- Brandon Jenson, Springfield City Council Zone 3.
  - Presented current and upcoming issues for the City.
- Trey Metzelthin and Waylon Cavinder-Springfield-Greene County Park Board
  - Park Board Family Centers information
- Police Tab
  - Officer Nathan Thieman
    - Blighted properties
    - SWMO CIT (Crisis intervention training)
      - Mental health, drug usage and homelessness.
      - Mental health crisis hotline—call 988.
      - Neighborhood Watch training.
      - Medication disposable program.
      - Homeless population and panhandlers.
- Membership Tab
  - Ken Brooks, President, Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association
    - Membership donation payment methods.
    - Business sponsors.
    - SGF News.
  - Clean Green Neighborhoods competition (Zone 3)
    - Volunteers needed.
    - Rules to be announced after Zoom call scheduled on April 25.
  - Neighborhood Block Party/Social discussed.
    - Recommendation from the floor for a committee to be formed to plan the event.
    - No definite date planned at this time.
  - No new business from the floor.
- **Announcements**
  - Next association membership meeting planned for July 18, 2024.
  - No additional announcements from the floor.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Submitted by Debbie Butts, Secretary**

**April 23, 2024**