

Greentree Neighborhood Association
March 2, 2009 meeting
Falk Elementary School

In attendance: Nancy Priegel, Rick Floyd, Danielle Gale, Steve Henningfield. Larry Sperling, Allen Youngwood

Treasurer's Report –The GTNA checking account has a balance of \$158. A Certificate of Deposit maturing in April will provide \$3136. Mr. Youngwood will not roll over the CD until April-May expenses and anticipated expenses for the Fourth of July picnic are estimated.

The association will review its billing practices for Stump advertisements. For instance, Madison Gas and Electric Company is likely unaware that it owes the association approximately \$525 for past Stump advertising but the firm has not been billed for that ad space. Mr. Youngwood will review past billing practices with former Stump Editor Linda Johnson and will apprise current editor Jeanne Howard of those practices or Mr. Youngwood will draft a note to our contact at MG&E seeking payment.

February Adult Party sponsored by GTNA – Mr. Floyd reviewed the new format for the February party in which GTNA booked a meeting space (back room at Babes Sports Bar) and attendees purchased their own refreshments and food if they chose to eat and drink. The party attracted about 30 Greentree neighbors who had a place to sit and watch a broadcast of a UW basketball game on a Sunday afternoon.

Planning for Fourth of July community picnic – Mr. Henningfield said planning is on schedule. Ms. Gale noted that the festivities at Norman Clayton Park should be prepared to start shortly after 11 a.m. since the Madison Fire Department has changed its schedule of when a fire truck might be available to lead the bicycle/walking parade from Falk Elementary School. Mr. Henningfield noted the change and said GTNA can anticipate saving some money on the picnic this year because we will not be hiring a professional entertainer. Rather, Mrs. Floyd will organize games for youngsters with small prizes.

Greentree Gallop – Ms. Priegel noted that Diane Sullivan and John La Breche had agreed to organize the annual 5K walk/run race that will be dedicated to the memory of Greentree neighbor Michael Sheahan who died following a car accident last summer. The Gallop will again offer t-shirts to walkers and runners who pay for the shirts in advance during race registration. Gallop organizers are also organizing a food drive for the neighborhood food pantry operated at Good Shephard Church as part of the race. Race and picnic participants will be encouraged to bring canned goods and dry goods to the picnic that will be collected for the pantry.

Old t-shirts from past Greentree races will be donated to neighborhood charities and the smaller sizes will be offered as prizes for winning picnic game contests

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Memorial trees – A group of Greentree neighbors organized a fund-raising drive to collect funds to plant trees in Norman Clayton Park as a memorial to Michael Sheahan. His family is purchasing a bench as well. The Greentree Garden Club will work with City of Madison Parks staff to select some ornamental tree varieties and understory plants for the project.

Neighborhood Garage Sale – The sale is scheduled for May 16th-17th. GTNA will pay for a newspaper ad announcing the neighborhood-wide event.

Meadowood Neighborhood Center Open House – Mr. Sperling attended the Open House of the new neighborhood center on the site of the former Jacobson's Brothers meat market and delicatessen in the Meadowood Shopping Center. At the Open House site managers distributed information about the proposed schedule of activities, registration forms for planned events, a wish list of items for the center and contacts information for the center. The site, operated by Madison School and Community Recreation staff will offer programming for seniors and school children ranging from fitness classes to social activities, computer access, to computer games using a Wii system, health clinics and tax preparation assistance. Other ideas include parent/child art and yoga classes for pre-schoolers; karate, spoken word, drumming, gardening and workshops for middle and high school students; and club type activities for adults including a book club, computer skills classes, language instruction and gardening.

Mr. Sperling will inquire if this space is available for the annual Greentree Neighborhood meeting on April 27th from 7-9:30 p.m.

Hammersley Road Garden Plots – No update available.

Hammersley Road redevelopment – A Prairie Hills group is lobbying the City of Madison to consider taking over management of rundown rental properties along Hammersley Road.

Beltline/Transportation issues --- Mr. Youngwood reviewed recent e-mail exchanges with the Department of Transportation describing what GTNA can glean from recent reports and impending reports to anticipate potential changes in traffic routing and traffic patterns between the Verona Road interchange and the Mineral Point exit. Concepts in DOT reports have changed but are not published in reports that are readily accessible. Mr. Youngwood also discussed estimated traffic flows and potential road development in the absence of a more comprehensive look at mass transit options. He noted that the Phase II studies slated to be released later this month may contain more details. Other options to watch in the reports were discussed.

Meeting adjourned about 8:25 p.m.

