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MNA Board of Directors Meeting 7:00- 9:00 pm, March 17, 2025 MINUTES

Location: [The Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center](#), 504 S. Brearly Street

Board Members Present:

Sydney DenHartigh
Elle Grevstad
Eric Hamilton
Cailey Jamison
Courtney Lindl
Del Lorensen
Marlisa Kopenski Condon
Lindsay Marlovits
Jen Plants
Kate Allen Rubin

Community members:

Kath Davey (Festival Coordinator)
Mike Tarby

Board Members Absent:

Briant Novinska-Lois (planned)
Wynona Pyrtel (planned)

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Approval of February Minutes: Courtney moved to approve, 2nd: Cailey, Motion passes.

President's Report

- The board thanked Marsha Rummel for her decades of service to Madison.
- The annual Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 20
- The Enhancement Committee will set a date for the annual neighborhood garage sale ASAP.

Alder's

Report

- The new MPD Central District Captain is Kipp Hartmann.
- There are a number of upcoming community meetings including a virtual neighborhood meeting to hear more about the revised plans for the new Salvation Army women's and family shelter and affordable housing project. The meeting will be on Wednesday, April 2, at 6:30 pm. You can register for the meeting here: www.cityofmadison.com/MeetingApril2EWashington
- The Beacon is operating at capacity, and there are impacts to the surrounding neighbors (both businesses and individuals). Solutions are, of course, complicated, and the police are working with stakeholders to address issues. Advocacy for enhanced day services at the new men's shelter would reduce the number of folks who Beacon serves.



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Festival Coordinator Update

Festival Coordinator Kath Davey briefly reviewed festival history and 2025 plans. This year will be the 36th Waterfront Festival and the 60th Orton Park Festival.

Enhancement Committee Update

- Grant Recipient Status Report: The Enhancement Committee will be revising guidelines for grant funding to schools in 2026. Most all grant applicants have been notified of our decisions, and awards will be announced publicly soon.
- The Winter Social/Bingo Event is Tuesday, March 18.

P&D Committee Report

- Motion to support entertainment license (both indoor and outdoor) for Hotel Indigo's Palette Bar at 901 E. Washington: Cailey moved to approve, 2nd: Courtney. Motion passes unanimously.**

Finance Committee/Treasurer's Report

- Motion to provide \$150 to a community potluck honoring Marsha Rummel: Elle moved to approve. 2nd: Eric. Motion passes unanimously.**

Williamson Marquette Business Alliance (WMBA) Update

WMBA continues to make progress for forming officially as a 501(c)3. Chip Cruz has been appointed president, and Del Lorensen has been appointed vice-president.

School Liaison Update

There are planned teacher and budget reductions in neighborhood schools. On Wednesday, March 19, at 2:47 pm, Marquette will participate in a national teacher walkout to protest both the proposed elimination of the federal Department of Education and MMSD's planned teaching staff reductions.

MNA will create a letter this week to send to all city alders, MMSD, and others addressing the planned MMSD teacher reductions.

Website Working Group Update

The group has met with developer, and the current plan is that the new website will be launched in early June (before Waterfront Festival).

Report to CommComm on forthcoming newsworthy items

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Review of Board Assigned Tasks (see below)



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Adjourn: Cailey motion to adjourn: Courtney 2nd. Motion passes unanimously

Meeting Adjourned: 8:32 pm

Board Tasks

- Courtney: Draft letter from board to address planned MMSD teacher reductions.
- Cailey: Draft letter supporting Palette's entertainment license.
- Elle: Share March financials with the board
- Enhancement Committee: Appoint egg hunt coordinator, set annual garage sale date, create 2025 scholarship application and timeline
- Marsha: Email Capt. Hartman to encourage a renewal of MPD visits to MNA board meetings