

2023 Mountainbrook Annual Civic Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 22, 2023 – Hampton Inn SouthPark 7pm
Led by Dan Knezevic – 2023/24 Civic President
(48 people present, 10 proxies)

- 1. Call to Order 7:04 pm**
- 2. New Neighbor Introduction**
- 3. Introduce & Vote on 2023 Board**

Dan Knezevic, Board President, introduced 2024 board members. There are 10 proxies and 48 members present agreed to these changes.

Officers:

President: Dan Knezevic (8 yrs)
VP: Steve Shields (New)
Treasurer: Vince Zito (6 yrs)
Secretary: Leah Peterson (New)

Committee Chairs:

Membership & SPAN Representative: Kathryn Pearson (2 yrs)
Safety: Bill Helman (14 yrs)
Social: Missy Foard (3 yrs) & OPEN: Jordan Benoit
Beautification: Camille Coers (19 yrs)
Communication/Directory: Kelly Blandford (10 yrs) & Katie White (2 yrs)
Welcome: Shellie Porter (2 yrs)

Thanks to the officers that are rolling off this year, we really appreciate your time and service. (Brenda Clickner, Ryan Bullard & Rebecca Hinson)

We need new volunteers to help on the board and with social specifically in order to successfully execute the numerous events. The same couple of people can't continue to keep carrying the responsibility, we need more volunteers. We would love fresh ideas and help spread the lift. Jordan Benoit volunteered to help with the social committee.

4. Anne Heinig Park

Will Dubiel spoke on behalf of the Anne Heinig Park Board and introduced the board members. New playground is installed. They will continue to maintain and improve the park. There will be a workday in March and also the 2nd Parkapalooza this spring/early summer, they are waiting to confirm a date.

The Park Foundation is also working on converting to a 501c3 so that at some point we can make contributions that are tax deductible.

2024 Fundraising Goal: \$15,000 to update/fix the picnic shelter

We are always looking for volunteers/Eagle Scout Projects to help us with small updates/repairs around the park.

Please remember the park is for private use, not commercial. Please request permission/approval for anything above normal personal use with the park board. You can rent the shelter for a fee.

Board:
President: Will Dubiel
Secretary: Jen Ruiz
Treasurer: Norm Cook
Garden Club Representative: Helen Mayhew
Civic Representative: Leah Peterson
Board Member: Mike Kloss

5. 2023 Accomplishments, Income & Spending

2023 Year in Review: Food Trucks, Easter Egg Hunt, Yard Sale, Chili & Mac & Cheese Contest, Fall Picnic with catered BBQ and live music, Halloween Pizza Party & Parade, Halloween Decoration Contest, Holiday Decoration Contest, Luminaries, Cookies & Cocktails in Cul de Sacs and monthly newsletter.

The Mountainbrook Youth Ambassadors were established in 2023. Open to all 6-12 graders. They meet monthly with Shirley Cook as an advisor. They had their first successful event in December. The Winter Days of Donation – collected 55 coats, 2 Toys for Tots Boxes of new toys, books for Promising Pages and clothing for Crisis Assistance Ministries. They will look for new members each year in the summer and help with various neighborhood events as well as organizing their own events.

Printed Directory was distributed in Fall 2023, Online version is accessible via the MB Website.

We had 14 new neighbors move into Mountainbrook in 2023.

We exceeded our dues goals and need to come in strong again this year. We had 63% participation in 2023 (of 368 homes). With our growing numbers and inflation, the social events have gotten more expensive. The Fall Picnic is the most expensive social. Landscaping the largest expense.

6. 2024 Goals

2024 Goals: No new events scheduled, will carry out similar events and neighborhood maintenance and update if things change. Hoping to bring back the progressive dinners.

7. 2024 Budget: (Detailed slides attached)

Our civic dues did not increase this year, the requested Park amount increased to help reach their goal of repairing the shelter.

Last year we had 259 households or 70%.

8. Membership

Last year we had 231 households or 63%. We hope to meet our goals for 2024

9. Challenges

General Safety Reminders

Volunteers: We need more volunteers

Covenants: Much demand for land and Mountainbrook homes. Home renovation is expected and welcome. Please adhere to our neighborhood covenants to help preserve the charm and feeling of our neighborhood that we all love.

Our next Board meeting is Feb 13 at 7 pm, please feel free to join us anytime. We meet monthly.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm