

WKNA Board meeting
April 7, 2022 7 p.m., Robb Witters' house
Submitted by Carolyn Homan, Secretary

Attending: Rhonda Rich, Art Mauer, Robb Witters, Gary Blake, Carolyn Homan, Carol Phipps, Dennis Phipps

Guest: Kris Adams, WKNA liaison to Keizer Library Board

Call to Order: Rhonda Rich, 7 p.m.

Minutes of March 3meeting – Gary moved approval as submitted; Art seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Budget – We have a \$60 balance. Rhonda asked about getting a new inset for the banner sign we used during the Adopt-A-Street cleanups. We could use the new inset for the May 7 Palma Ciega cleanup and use it to ask neighbors to join us on the 7th. She would like to put it in Gary's yard the week before. We could also buy some more door hanger bags.

The city is proposing \$600 for neighborhood associations this year. The website fee is \$200 with the privacy protection and we have a bit of \$289 for 1,000 brochures from FedEx. We can buy them now and move the payout to the next budget cycle. That would leave \$100 for sign replacements, printing, etc. But if we need more brochure boxes or newsletter printing, etc., the request should be higher – maybe \$800? The budget request is due soon. Carolyn moved that the Board OK an \$800 budget request; Gary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reorganization of the Board – Rhonda said Carol Doerfler has turned in her resignation because of health issues. According to WKNA bylaws, the Vice President then becomes President and a new Vice President is to be appointed by the Board. Carol Phipps has agreed to step up and Rhonda and Carolyn gave agree to help out with organizing speakers for future meetings. Gary moved that Carol Phipps be selected as Vice President; Art seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The next issue is to fill the empty Board seat, which according to the bylaws is filled by majority Board vote. Carol Phipps ;moved that Kris Adams, already serving as Board liaison to the Keizer Library Board, be appointed to the position. Robb seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Getting the Word Out -- Carolyn said meeting announcements had been posted to the Chamber, Salem Reporter and KMUZ

Food barrels – Rhonda asked if Dennis was OK to continue as main food donation collector as well as liaison to Parks Board and he agreed. In the past 2 months, food collections have been 290 pounds at Bi Mart and 256 pounds at Copper Creek, as well as \$80 cash.

Face Book – Carol and Carolyn are set up as Admins and will share meeting, event and other related posts.

Newsletter – Group discussed timing of next edition. Carol, Carolyn and Robb agreed to meet in June to organize a summer edition to come out perhaps late July ahead of Keizer Fest in August and to promotion the John Knox barbecue and WKNA's resumption of monthly meetings in September.

Little Library – Kris said things are going well. She had gotten a donation of children's books. Face Book posts on the need can be made and she will check with Martin and Carol to see if they have any books stored in their shed.

Website, email – Carol will handle email updates to membership. Carolyn gets copy of minutes to Barb for posting. Annual report also is on the web.

2022 Chamber Visitor Guide/Directory -- The city paid for an ad in this publication again this year for all three neighborhood associations.

Annual report – Rhonda gave the annual report to Council on March 21. The council then officially recognized WKNA for another year.

Community Library – Kris reported on the Council work session held April 6 on the library's request for funding in order to achieve Public Library status. She said the library seems to have good support. The request for COVID relief funding would pay for full-time and half-time librarian positions. She said the library is adding a lot of services, including Spanish language and adult education outreach.

Cummings School – Carol P. and Kathy Lincoln planted the reader board planter and the pots in front of the entrance. Carol said the Cummings Principal, Andy Kronser, had emailed that the PTA and McNary students are planning a work day this spring to spread bark dust (obtained from the school district), do weeding, edging, etc. Carol has asked to be part of the planning and a meeting is set next week.

Parks – Dennis said the big open area of Keizer Rapids near the river south of the Big Toy has been leveled and is being hydroseeded. Plans are to hold Keizer Fest at the Park but that will be in the area north of the Big Toy by Chemawa Road. Wallace House still has piles of tree debris that need to be removed.

Gary, Carol and Rhonda had met with Robert Johnson about a work day at Palma Ciega. Robert is getting R&R tree service to limb up some of the pine trees near to picnic table to make that area more usable. The city also will spray before the work day and provide a debris-collection trailer, trash cans for hauling debris to the trailer, weed eaters and other tools for use that day. The work day is set for 9 a.m. to noon May 7. The work will concentrate on the lawn and picnic area in upper section. Rhonda said she will provide pizza. She also will contact Matt Lawyer about the possibility of getting some other helpers.

Carolyn will post to Face Book and Carol will send an email alert to neighbors.

DISCUSSION

Meeting speakers – For the May meeting Rhonda plans to get a Chamber representative to talk about Keizer Fest, set for the second weekend in August at Keizer Rapids. She also will schedule Clint Holland to talk about his summer concert schedule, and Mary Jo Emmett to talk about the John Knox barbecue and the community gardens. Carolyn suggested asking Jenny Ammon, who is the community outreach specialist with the City, to talk about any special events she might have planned for the summer.

Rhonda will contact Bill Lawyer about speaking at the September meeting. She would like to get an update on the traffic slowing measures that have been suggested – a four-way stop at Dearborn and Shoreline and a speed table at the school crossing for Cummings at Delight St.

Bike Skills Clinic -- Kris agreed to be the liaison to this event and the coordinator Hersch Sangster. The clinic will be from 1-3 p.m. May 14 at the City Hall and parking lot.

Other upcoming meetings, all at City Hall unless otherwise noted:

April 12, 6 p.m., Parks Board

April 13, 6 p.m., Planning Commission hearing on zoning and development code changes.

April 21, 6 p.m. Traffic Safety Bikeways Pedestrian Committee

April 23, “Soggy Day in the Park” – Cleanup at Keizer Rapids Park at 10 a.m., followed by family event with games and free tacos.

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting: May 5. Time and location TBA