

WKNA Board meeting

Feb. 3, 2022 7 p.m., Keizer Library, Keizer Heritage Center

Submitted by Carolyn Homan, Secretary

**Attending:** Rhonda Rich, Carol Phipps, Art Mauer, Robb Witters, Carolyn Homan

**Absent:** Carol Doerfler, Gary Blake, Dennis Phipps

**Guest:** Kris Adams, WKNA liaison to Keizer Library Board

**Call to Order:** Rhonda Rich, 7 p.m. The Board is given a tour of the revamped Community Library by BJ Toewe and John Goodyear, vice president and treasurer respectively of Keizer Community Library.

**Minutes of Jan. 13 meeting** – Robb moved approval as submitted; Art seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Budget** – Rhonda said we have spent \$186.35. She said the issue of security related to the GoDaddy website was more about security of her information connected to the license (email address, etc.), so the \$30/year fee is necessary. With that \$60 cost to cover 2 years, a total of \$252.16 will be due in March, leaving \$110 left in the \$550 budget. It was agreed to get as many brochures printed as we can with the remaining money. We need to locate the logo and brochure copy. Jeff Anderson may have it; his union shop printed the last batch of brochures.

Rhonda said the budget proposal for 2022-23 will be due in April. She said we probably will ask for \$550 at least.

## **Getting the Word Out**

**Calendar notices** – Carolyn said these had been posted.

**Signs, brochure boxes** – Art said we're good on signs. More brochures will be printed and printing costs for another batch probably will be a main item in the next budget.

**Newsletter** – The next edition should come out in early March. Robb, Carol P. and Carolyn are meeting briefly tonight to discuss content. Copies will be made to distribute to brochure boxes and each Board member should make copies for their brochure stands. Carol P. will email to the WKNA list.

**Little Library** – Kris Adams has agreed to take this on while Carol D. is unable to. Kris has made contact with Martin D. to get access to the supply of books, which Kris said is plentiful at the moment. There was discussion about getting a list of all the Little Libraries in Keizer and perhaps the Keizer Library could have it on hand for general information.

**Facebook** – Carolyn has been added as an administrator and will ask the Doerflers to add Carol Phipps as well so meeting notices and updates on the food barrels, etc. can be added and admin tasks can be accomplished. Carol P. suggested adding other meetings and information, such as items about the fire district. Carolyn suggested adding information about the City Manager public meetings as soon as it's available. Rhonda said she would check with Barb Smith about getting a general WKNA email listed on the website so residents could make contact that way, instead of to an individual's email. Carol P. said she will continue handling the email notifications, as well as updates to the website via Barb.

## Reports

**Community Library, Kris Adams** -- She will give a report at the next General meeting. She shared informational packets about the Library and its services with the Board members and said she's happy to represent WKNA at the Library Board meetings. The Library has undergone renovations and has added several new services. There is no charge now for a library card. The Library is seeking additional budgetary support from the City this year (currently, only rent for the Heritage Center space is covered by the City). This is an important factor as the Library seeks to become part of the Regional library system.

**Food barrels** – Carol P. said donations are way down at both Bi Mart and Copper Creek. Carolyn said she would put an appeal for donations on Facebook and include tips such as using coupons and Buy One Get One offers as a way to donate items at a lower cost. Group discussed other possible locations for a donation barrel but no decision was made.

**Cummings School** -- Carol P. said she doesn't plan on much landscaping activity until April or so. The Egan "free pansy" coupon is a good starting point. She's thinking about contacting the Cummings principal about whether the PTA might sponsor a work day in cooperation with WKNA, to be held in April. Volunteers could help weed, spread bark dust and get some new plantings in the pots and reader board planter bed.

**Bike Safety clinic** – Rhonda said at the recent Traffic Safety Bikeways Pedestrian Committee meeting, Hersch Sangster mentioned a bike safety clinic set for May 14 and solicited help from WKNA. Rhonda tentatively pledged WKNA help with that event.

**Parks** – Carol P. said there is nothing new to report. The next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 8. Rhonda said she talked with Gary before the meeting (he was absent due to illness) and he had not yet contact Robert Johnson, Parks director, about a work day at Palma Ciea. Rhonda said she would take it to the next Parks Board meeting to get the conversation started about maintaining Palma Ciea. The Parks Master Plan makes reference to the neighborhood cooperating with the City on projects and upkeep. WKNA also would like to be kept informed about projects at Keizer Rapids Park, too. Carol P said she probably would attend the Parks meeting and report on a safety issue at Wallace House. Dennis P. recently suffered fall when his foot slipped off the asphalt pathway. The drop-off is too steep in some places, making walking hazardous.

## DISCUSSION

**Traffic safety program at Feb.10 General meeting** – Group discussed Chief Teague's participation. Rhonda wonders if the City Council backs changes along Cummings street to make travel safer for children walking to school and other pedestrians. She said Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director, indicated it's probably not a priority. Rhonda said we need a councilor to support whatever main solution is settled on. It could be another protracted process, just like the walking path at Cummings. A four-way stop at shoreline and Dearborn should be a doable option. An enforcement push might be worth discussing and/or reduction of speed on some streets.

**Topics for 2022--** Some meeting topics were tossed out such as continuing to focus on traffic and safety, as well as the Urban Growth Boundary and planning issues but anyone with ideas should let Rhonda know.

**Adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Next meeting: March 3 at Robb's house, 3275 Willamette Drive**