

WKNA Board meeting  
March 3, 2022 7 p.m., Robb Witters' house  
Submitted by Carolyn Homan, Secretary

**Attending:** Rhonda Rich, Art Mauer, Robb Witters, Gary Blake, Carolyn Homan

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

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

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

**Traffic issues** – The group briefly discussed the traffic-related presentations at the January and February General meetings. Jamie Davis and Mike DiBlasi, Chair and Vice Chair of the Traffic Safety Bikeways Committee, had been invited to attend tonight but both had conflicts. Rhonda said we've made the introductory presentations and will just need to follow up. Mike was to present information on LED-lighted speed limit signs that he's pursuing, to include signs on Shoreline and Dearborn in West Keizer. At the February WKNA meeting, Chief Teague backed making the stop at Dearborn and Shoreline a four-way and installing a speed table on Cummings at the crosswalk to Cummings Elementary. Rhonda said we need to keep pushing for these changes.

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

**Budget** – Rhonda said Keizer Finance Director Tim Wood has said he would budget \$600 for the neighborhood associations for 2022-23. She will work on a proposal that we can discuss at the April meeting. It doesn't have to be submitted until April 22. She will email information to the Board before the April board meeting. We will have to get brochures printed for sure. Rhonda will have Dennis check on prices. She also said it would be good to get some traffic signs printed as well to keep attention on the neighborhood speeding concerns.

The group discussed getting newsletter copies printed with the remaining \$110 in this year's budget. It was estimated that about 50 copies could be printed. Carolyn will check with Copy Cats and Staples. Robb said he thought it would be good to have a greeter at the General meetings to point people to the sign-up sheet and hand out newsletter copies. Carolyn will attend City Council on Monday and hand out copies to councilors as well.

## **Getting the Word Out**

**Calendar notices** – Carolyn said these had been posted at Keizer Chamber, Salem Reporter and KMUZ.

**Little Library** – Kris Adams said it's going well and people are taking books. She's been getting books to add to it from a variety of sources. Rhonda asked about putting stickers in the books indicating that they were provided through the WKNA Little Library. Kris said she would prepare them and for Rhonda to just let her know what we want them to say.

**Keizer Community Library** -- Kris shared informational sheets on the library's work to become a public library. She said the library is a really vibrant place and the new manager coming on board is getting events scheduled to connect with various sectors of the community. A timely event is set for March 26, with an author presentation by Trudy Walter Carlson, whose family fled a Russian

invasion of Besserabia, now Moldova.

**Website** – Rhonda said Barb has put a “submit comments here” link on the site that goes to Rhonda’s and Carolyn’s emails. Personal emails of the Board have been removed from the site. Rhonda also will send the General Meeting agenda to Barb to post on the web and to Carol P. who will be running the March 10 meeting.

On another note, Rhonda said the Keizer Chamber is printing a Visitor Guide and Directory to be sent to every Keizer household. WKNA will be listed in the Directory

**Food barrels** -- Carolyn said the Copper Creek barrel was full when she dropped off food this week and since Dennis is on vacation, she had Martin collect it and deliver to the food bank. He said he would check Bi Mart as well.

**Cummings School** – The Egan Garden pansy coupon is in the Statesman and Keizer Times. Carolyn will put a notice on Facebook and ask people willing to donate pansies for Cummings beautification to bring them to the Thursday meeting.

**Parks Board** – Rhonda said we need to set the date for the cleanup and get the word out to the whole neighborhood in order to make it a West Keizer event, not just the Cummings Lane area. Gary said the Parks Department has agreed to supply a trailer for debris collection and disposal. Rhonda said April 2 or 9 would be good dates to try for and Gary will check with Parks to get it set.

## **Discussion**

**Speakers** – April 14 is Shane Witham re: planning code and zoning changes to comply with H.B. 2001. Rhonda said she will contact Bill Lawyer about speaking at the May 12 meeting. Robb asked about adding Clint Holland to talk about the summer concert series.

**Planning for 2022** – Looking ahead, Rhonda said traffic will be an ongoing issue and we have the Palma Ciega cleanup and Cummings School planting day to set up. This summer, we will join in the John Knox Presbyterian Church barbecue Aug. 13.

## **Upcoming meetings:**

**March 8, 6 p.m., Parks Board**

**March 9, 6 p.m., Planning Commission**

**March 10, 7 p.m. WKNA General meeting, Mayor Clark speaker**

**March 12, 9 a.m., annual Community Center cleanup**

**March 17, 6 p.m., Traffic Safety Bikeways Pedestrian Committee**

**March 21, 7 p.m., WKNA Annual Report to City council**

**April 23, “Soggy Day in the Park” – Keizer Rapids cleanup**

**Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

**Next meeting: April 7, tentatively at Robb’s house, 3275 Willamette Drive**