

**WKNA Board Meeting**  
**Jan. 2, 2025**  
**At Rhonda's home**  
**Submitted by Carolyn Homan**

**Attending:** Rhonda Rich, Art Mauer, Kris Adams, Carol Phipps, Carolyn Homan **Absent:** Robb Witters, Gary Blake

**Call to Order:** Rhonda called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

**Minutes of Nov. 7, 2024** – Corrections were noted to the Neighborhood Family Council, Keizer Leadership, TSBP and Planning Commission sections. Kris moved approval as corrected; Carol seconded. Minutes were approved.

**2024-25 Budget** – Rhonda noted the \$141.44 expenditure for 150 copies of the December newsletter, bringing total spent so far to \$574.97, for a remaining balance of \$625.03. Remaining expected expenses include \$250 for the website and about \$140 for the last newsletter, leaving a \$235 balance. If we purchase a few more brochure boxes, there still should be about \$100 remaining for any miscellaneous expenses.

**Getting the word out**

**Website** – Rhonda, Carol, Carolyn and Robb attended the Dec. 12 training with Barb Smith to comply with the City's request that NAs have multiple website administrators. Minutes of WKNA meetings have been posted to the website so that all reports should be current up through the Nov. Board meeting.

**Brochures/boxes** – Carol said Sunset Park probably needs a new, larger brochure box but it will have to be mounted on the fence. Brochure stocks aren't being renewed during the wet winter weather.

**Community Library** – The library's Board meetings have been moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, which will allow Kris to be elected to that Board this month. The Library had requested a WKNA representative for its Board. Kris said patron use more than doubled from November 2023 to Nov. 2024. They also have acquired two more children's computers, which are very popular. WKNA newsletters Kris put on display have all been taken. More Spanish-language events are being organized. Children's story times and other events are quite popular and Kris suggested planning some events for adults as well. As a result, adult coloring book events are being planned twice a month.

**Little Library** – Kris said another woman has been taking credit for supporting all the Little Libraries in West Keizer. Someone has also removed all the adult books from the Shoreline WKNA library – Kris isn't sure who. Other than that, the libraries are being used and donations are still needed.

**Facebook** -- Carolyn has posted the WKNA General meeting notice and recently posted about the change in meeting time for Keizer City Council. It has moved from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Keizer Chamber calendar** – WKNA meeting notices are now appearing regularly

**Cummings Connection** -- Rhonda will send WKNA info to Principal Kronser.

**Keizer Times** – WKNA's meeting notices are ongoing on the KT calendar.

**Next newsletter** – Despite being “old” news, Rhonda would like to include a mention of the October event at Radnessensues, maybe with an update on their programs, and the St. Edward Thanksgiving dinner. WKNA volunteered at both events. The Cummings Neighborhood Family Council's Jan. 28 Resource Fair will be another topic – WKNA is to have a table there – and WKNA Board elections at the January meeting.

## **REPORTS**

**Planning Commission** – Board discussed some policy changes that are being discussed for the Commission and whether WKNA should weigh in. The Commission proposed unlimited terms for members but Council balked and sent that back for further consideration. WKNA Board is backing three, 3-year terms. The Commission also allows non-Keizer residents as members. WKNA not in favor. And policy also allows two people from the same occupation. WKNA also not in favor of that. Having 1 of any occupation would encourage diversity of input.

**Food barrels** – Year-end totals were BiMart: 908 lbs; Copper Creek: 1,914 lbs and \$414 cash; Keizer Fire Dept.: 339 lbs. We need to work out a way to thank and recognize the barrel host organizations.

**Keizer United** -- Rhonda, Kris and Carolyn will rotate attendance at these meetings. Kris will take the Jan. 13 meeting.

## **Cummings School**

**PTA** – Kris can attend the January meeting

**Neighborhood Family Council** – Kris is the new chairperson. They are planning their first event Jan. 28 – a Wellness Resource Fair. WKNA to have a table. Lots of organizations have been invited, including Keizer Fire, Keizer Police, CERT, Public Works, state agencies and more. The Council's 1<sup>st</sup> effort was to provide some Alexa devices to help children who are challenged with school attendance. The Alexas were deemed more “current” than alarm clocks.

**School plantings** – Carol said she needs to talk to Principal Kronser to see if the school is planning a clean-up like they did last year. If not, she would like to set a date for a spring clean-up and use the Resource Fair as a way to get sign-ups. She said the S-K School Dist. Recently did a much-needed leaf clean-up at Cummings.

**Dec. 10 Safety Awareness event** – Organized by Greater Northeast Keizer NA, a variety of transportation safety topics were addressed. Several Council members attended, as did Rhonda, Carolyn, Colleen Busch from other NAs. Tammy Saldivar presented on the Neighborhood Management Plan on traffic safety.

**Keizur Dove Birthday Party** -- Rhonda attended this Nov. 15 event at City Hall. The panels of historical information are to be displayed at the State Capitol this year and are quite impressive.

**Parks** – Board discussed potential changes to the Master Plan that are being contemplate to accommodate construction of an event pavilion at Keizer Rapids Park that could be used for Keizer Fest and other such events. Rhonda will get four copies of the Master Plan so Board members who are interested can see what's already proposed and use the information to evaluate

potential changes. We might want to look at some other things at other parks in West Keizer, including ADA accessible play equipment. Cost, maintenance and staffing all need to be used to evaluate the pavilion proposal. In reviewing the public survey that was used in preparing the Master Plan, Rhonda found that 60% of respondents lived west of River Road. The survey also showed low approval of any covered pavilion or sports venue. Rhonda will query Bill Lawyer to find out what's planned re: Master Plan revisions. WKNA needs to weigh in, given potential impacts on the neighborhood. She shared copies of the Feb. 24, 2021 letter to Parks and Rec Advisory Board and the consulting firm work on the Master Plan revision. The letter was signed by Carol Doerfler, as WKNA President on behalf of the entire Board. It expressed our thoughts regarding needed improvements and things that are not needed (i.e. "more buildings.")

### **WKNA General Meetings – Speakers and Topics 2025**

January – Board elections; Chief Copeland/Lt. Hein, KPD/ Eric Bandonis. The Board discussed Board elections and who was renewing membership. Board agreed to recognize Gary's long commitment to the Board and ongoing contribution as our "Neighborhood caretaker" for Palma Ciega Park, since he lives a few doors from it.

February – Keizer Community Library (Keizer Heritage/Keizer Art??)

March – State of the City, Mayor – WKNA Host

April – Shane Witham, City Planner?

May – Jenny Ammon, Environmental Services Education Coordinator?

January Parks Board – Carol may not be able to attend?

January TSBP – Need to find out if Robb can still cover these meetings. Carolyn can be back up

**Meeting adjourned: 9 p.m.    Next Board meeting: Feb, 6**