

## **WKNA Board Meeting**

**Sept. 4, 2025**

**7 p.m. at Rhonda's**

**Attending:** Rhonda, Kris, Art, Carolyn, Brenda, Carol

**Absent:** Robb

**Call to Order:** Rhonda called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m..

**Approval of Minutes from July 10, 2025** – Art moved approval as corrected; Kris seconded. Motion carried.

**Budget report** – WKNA spent \$206.90 for 250 copies of the August newsletter, leaving a balance of \$993.10/

### **Getting the Word Out**

**Yard Signs** -- Supply is good

**Brochures** -- Carol said all boxes have been checked and refilled as necessary. They will replace the broken box at Willamette Manor. No follow-up from police (via surveillance cameras at the park) regarding how the old box was destroyed. No need for more brochures yet. Cost for 500 via FedEx would be \$269.79; \$351.78 for 1,000. He thinks they could do the newsletter as well and will check for a price on that.

**Little Library** – Kris said it's going well. Both kids and adult books are moving out. Tammy Kunz said a new LL to be placed at Willamette Manor (via a grant she received) will be ready soon. We'll need to check with Robert at Parks Dept. for details on that process. Kris will manage it as well when it's in place.

**Keizer Community Library** – The part-time manager has left for a full-time job and they're in the hiring process for a replacement. Over 20 applicants have been asked to send in resumes and the Operations Committee will be arranging interviews with those selected. She reviewed a recent report on library statistics and virtually all metrics are up – number of visitors, library card holders, number of programs, etc. One popular offering is the Gilbert House family pass. The Library purchased one that can be checked out for 3 days and plans to renew it because of the demand. She said they hope to start a new effort soon – a patron to patron book recommendation program.

**Facebook postings, Carol/Carolyn** -- Carolyn has posted several this summer highlighting activities like the Big Toy Paint Party.

**Website** – Rhonda will keep this on the "to-do" list with a goal to have updates done by the end of the year.

**Chamber calendar, brochures**– Rhonda said she needs to refill the brochure box in the Chamber lobby.

**Cummings Connection** – Rhonda will check with new principal about getting WKNA meeting notices in the school newsletter.

**Keizer Times** – Meetings are being posted under ongoing meetings list. Discussed issues that arose around publication of an all-NA ad that was to run listing start up of fall meetings. Only Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association got an ad and next opportunity is too late to feature September meeting of all other NAs.

**Newsletter Topics** – Possibilities for next edition listed and will keep adding topics: new pickleball courts at KRP, Trashy Tuesday, Big Toy Paint Party (part 2 in Sept.) Oct. 6 Fire Dept. open house and Maddie Alsum, new KFD Community Engagement Coordinator.

### **Reports**

**Food barrels** – July totals: BiMart, 61 lbs; Copper Creek, 32 lbs. and \$120. August – 134 lbs. total from both and \$70. (Art picked up and delivered to Carol and Dennis).

**Cummings School** –

**Back to School Night Sept. 2** – Rhonda, Kris and Carolyn attended, but it was organized differently than last year with no resource tables in the cafeteria. We got 4 email signups and distributed some newsletters.

**Plantings** – Carol did the front-door pots before Back to School Night and Rhonda spent the day doing some grounds clean-up, trimming rhodys and removing weeds, etc. Carolyn suggested the possibility of getting some small signs to put in the pots and the Reader Board saying “Courtesy of WKNA” – or something similar. Rhonda will get the brochure box back in place at the school’s front door.

**Neighborhood Family Council** – The Community Business and Education Leaders group met for breakfast that day and featured four speakers on housing instability and its effects on families/children. The Family Council will meet soon to plan its next Cummings-area event.

**Parks** – Carolyn attended Aug. 12 Parks Board meeting. Main topic was the problem of E-bikes on park pathways, streets, sidewalks, etc. the issue of constructing an event pavilion at KRP is to be on the October Parks agenda

**TSBP** -- Rhonda is asking Manbrin neighbors to attend the Sept. 15 City Council meeting to once again ask for speed limit signs. They used the Neighborhood Traffic Management plan process and didn’t qualify. A small traffic monitoring program showed “no speeding, just perception” of speeding but neighbors still don’t feel safe. She will pursue a Neighborhood Watch effort but still thinks a speed sign with the attached orange visibility tabs should be possible and that will be the ask at City Council.

**Pilot flag program** – Brenda said it’s getting used and flag thefts have been pretty minimal. The flags have now been marked as property of City of Keizer and WKNA so people realize they aren’t to be taken home for reuse.

**Planning Commission** -- No meetings July or August.

**Keizer United** – Kris attended in July and August. July 14 program was Red Cross. She will share minutes from Aug. 11 because there was a lot of information provided.

**National Night Out, Aug. 5** – Rhonda, Carol and Carolyn attended 7 of the 12 NNO gatherings in West Keizer that registered with the City. In all for Keizer there were 29 registered NNO parties.

### **WKNA General Meetings – Speakers & Topics 2025/Fall Meeting suggestions**

**Sept. 11** -- Jim Trett, Mayor of Detroit. Rhonda plans to turn program over and let him talk about an hour, with the rest of the time for questions. Keizer Council voted recently to support NO drawdown of the reservoir. We will skip any other reports this month.

**Oct. 9** -- Shane Witham, Keizer City Planner

**Nov. 13** -- Stacey Perry, Keizer Environmental Education Coordinator; Cummings Elementary Principal Hilary Hulseman; and Marion Co. Sheriff’s Deputy Eric Bandonis.

### **Important Dates**

**Sept. 8** – Joint Parks Board/City Council parks tour, starting at KRP at 6 p.m. and proceeding to Wallace House and then Bob Newton.

**Sept. 10, 6 p.m.** – Planning Commission

**Sept. 13** -- Big Toy Paint Party, part 2

**Sept. 15?, noon** – Keizer United, at City Hall (a change to 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. because of Labor Day?)

**Sept. 16, 6 p.m.** -- Cummings School PTA

**Big Toy Celebration Party, Sept. 20**

**TSBP Committee, Sept. 18, 6 p.m.**

**Next WKNA Board meeting – Oct. 2, 7 p.m.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**