

WKNA Board meeting
March 30, 2023 7 p.m., at Rhonda Rich's home
Submitted by Carolyn Homan, Secretary

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

Call to Order: Rhonda called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of March 2, 2023 meeting – Art moved approval; Robb seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Rhonda had provided corrected budget figures prior to the meeting.)

Budget – Total expenditures are \$796.99 from the \$800 budget: \$289.07 for printing brochures; \$141.97 for ink to print newsletter 3x a year; \$195.04 for the annual website fee; \$36.99 for small brochure holders; \$91.94 for two outdoor boxes on stands; \$19.99 for tent table cards; and \$22 for 4 meeting sign stands. Remaining balance of \$3.01.

Rhonda showed the erasable tent cards she purchased, which we will have for use at the April 13 meeting.

For the 2023-24 budget, Tim Wood has asked for an official proposal, despite the upfront pledge of \$1,200 for each of the 5 neighborhood associations. Discussed getting more newsletter copies; more signs and maybe some with a different message such as a traffic safety-related message along with our website. We could also update the brochure, which needs new photos at least.

Getting the Word Out

Signs -- Rhonda will bring the sign placement map to the next meeting so we can decide where to put the extra signs.

Next newsletter – Next one should come out in early August before Keizer Fest.

Little Library -- Kris said she needs more kids' books. We can add a note to Facebook but books need to be dropped at Kris's house, not at the Little Library itself.

Facebook postings – Carolyn is doing. Will get info up re: Joint NA Candidate Forum April 6 and need for kids' books for Little Library.

Reports

Food barrels – March totals were up: Bi Mart, 181 lbs.; Copper Creek, 134 lbs. and \$40.

Keizer United -- Carolyn and Kris attended. Speaker was from Marion Co. Health. Highlight was info re: Operation Encouragement to provide a lunch for teachers at Keizer schools during conference week.

Cummings PTA -- Kris attended. Said their list of fundraisers is impressive and they have a lot of projects in the works. WKNA would like a school liaison – maybe a teacher would be interested? Kris will continue to get the word out at PTA meetings.

Carol, Carolyn and Kathy Lincoln got the Reader Board planted. Photo was posted on FB.

Rhonda, Carol, Kris and Carolyn arranged Cookies for Cummings the Wednesday of Conference week for the teachers, as part of Operation Encouragement Photo posted on FB.

A Cummings teacher is interesting in getting paving or gravel in the parking area east of the pathway, where a lot of teachers park. Neighbors also park there. It's a city easement, not school district property. Rhonda will contact Bill to see if there is any willingness to at least put down some gravel. Perhaps WKNA can facilitate a meeting.

Parks Board – Carol said Rotary/Mark Callier had applied for grant funds to build park benches and the committee OK'd up to \$7,500. That leaves \$1,500 in grant funds available. She would like to apply for funds to stabilize the hillside north of the tennis courts at Willamette Manor. Putting down jute and then planting a ground cover would help prevent erosion there. Discussed getting kinnikinnick which is a low-maintenance native ground cover.

Carol has emailed Robert about getting more bark chips at Palma Ciega, which WKNA is willing to spread. Rhonda will email him to see if we can get a schedule of mowing and maintenance at the park.

Traffic Mitigation -- Rhonda talked with a Shoreline resident who lives near where the flashing speed limit signs are installed and he said he thought they were helping slow people down. She wants to put out doorhangers in April – preferably before the April meeting to ask people to come or email her some feedback on the effectiveness or not. She'll get a flyer ready for distribution on Saturday, April 8.

KRP turf fields -- Rhonda emailed Adam Brown for an update but no response so far.

Community Library, Kris Adams – She said the Library has gotten some new volunteers and hired a grant writer. They are looking to bring in speakers and do more events as public relations. They want to reach out to senior centers – a lot of

library patrons are seniors. Another goal is to increase the large-print section. They are looking to get a grant from Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

Upcoming meetings -- We have the joint Candidate Forum. Rhonda, Robb and Carolyn bringing cookies. PR information to come from Jane Herb. For May WKNA meeting, Rhonda will check with Chamber to see if they can give a Keizer Fest update. Also need to see if they would be willing to provide a joint NA booth at Keizer Fest.

April 6 – Joint NA meeting “Candidate Forum” for May special district candidates (school board, fire district, etc.)

April 10 – Keizer United (we think)

April 11 – Cummings PTA and Parks Board

April 12 – Planning Commission

April 13 – WKNA General – “Exploring the Willamette River” – Oregon Guided Kayak Tours

April 20 – Traffic Safety

April 22 -- Earth Day celebration at Keizer Rapids. Info posted on WKNA FB.

May 11 – WKNA General, Keizer Fest update, 40th Anniversary of Keizer info, Ben Crosby, Keizer Code Enforcement Officer, Eric Bandonis, Marion Co. Parole and Probation Deputy.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Next Board meeting: May 4