

## **Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting**

**March 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

### **Minutes**

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Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by SONA President, Edward Schwarz.

In attendance were 11 members of SONA. Also present was Lt Mike Stradley of the West Linn Police Department who spoke about WL crime statistics and answered questions. Two guests from Marylhurst NA were also present.

Meeting minutes from the February meeting were approved with a unanimous vote.

SONA Treasurer, Patrick McGuire, reported via email that the current SONA balance is \$2,612.80.

#### **Old Business:**

1. An update was given by Roberta Schwarz on the next White Oak Savanna fundraiser which will held on October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Craft Fair at the WL Lutheran Church.
2. The Ribbon Cutting and Celebration at the Savanna will be in September after the Natural Play Area is completed.
3. There was further discussion of a SONA Hors d'oeuvres Potluck on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 4 until 7 pm. The sheltered area with picnic tables at Willamette Park has been reserved for a total of \$60. People were asked to bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre to share.
4. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have our Earth Day/Fire Wise event from 10 am to 12 noon. We are hoping to have several people come and help clear the Savanna of invasive plants which are fuel for fire. Last month our Fire Wise speaker, Kyle Koonce, stated that just 40 hours of work per year with a value of \$22.75 per hour will equal the \$3820 which is what needs to be invested in volunteer work by the community for Fire Wise Certification. We can also count the hours that we have landscapers and arborists trim our trees and bushes at our individual homes so please keep track of those and let us know the total hours. Please also remember that we were advised last month to do the following things to decrease our fire hazards: do not use shake roofing, have our address on easily visible signage at our home so emergency vehicles can easily find us, clear needles from our gutters, make sure our roof is clean (no moss), keep trees and hedges trimmed, clear blackberry, make a fire break around our homes and clear it of debris.
5. Future speakers that members would like to invite to present at upcoming SONA meetings. For April, we have invited the City Manager, Eileen Stein, and new Community Development Director, John Williams. In May, we will have Ken Warner of the West Linn Parks Department who will discuss Take Care of West Linn Day possible volunteer opportunities.

**New Business:**

1. Lt. Mike Stradley of the West Linn Police Department did a presentation on crime statistics. He has had a 34-year career in law enforcement and 5 ½ of those have been with West Linn P.D. He noted that West Linn is the safest city of its size in Oregon. He stated that three of the biggest crimes his department works on are elder abuse, car break-ins, and burglary. He reminded us to lock our cars and homes, not leave valuables in our cars, and close our garage doors. He stated that humanizing the police force is very important and that a mantra he uses is "Treat people the way you would want your family to be treated". Lt. Stradley answered several questions and left his contact information: office phone: 503 655 6214  
email: [mstradley@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:mstradley@westlinnoregon.gov)
2. There was an update on the Highway 43 improvement grants that have been awarded to West Linn. \$4 million has been officially awarded. The project may require \$5 to \$6 million so a bond may be forthcoming.

Edward Schwarz, seeing no further business, adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm