

Willamette NA meeting December 11, 2024

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The **meeting** was called to order at 7:05 by President, Kathie Haliki.

The **minutes** November 13 were approved as appeared on WL Meetings page.

The **treasury** has a balance of \$3,068.92 reflecting a withdrawal of \$250 for a bench for Larry McIntyre.”

**SONA Discussion:** The Savannah Oaks Neighborhood Association has had difficulty finding officers and a monthly quorum. Would the WNA like to join with SONA?

1. We do not know what the City would think about a merger. It is their decision
2. It is difficult to find consensus from SONA because they do not have a quorum
3. Does the WNA want to assume this responsibility?
4. With a much larger group, meetings could go on too long
5. Perhaps SONA could go dormant and reform in the future.
6. WNA would not necessarily get the SOA stipend from the City
7. WNA considered too big now, why take on larger area?

Consensus: wait until we hear from City

**Small school issue :** The West Linn Wilsonville School District is considering closing three small primary which are currently excelling and are appreciated: Bolton Primary, Cedar Oaks Primary, Stafford Primary.

A letter from the Bolton NA, representing 1600 residences, asks for support in saving these schools. The letter was addressed to Dr. Ludwig of the WLWV SchoolBoard.

**January 8 6:30-8:30** at the Lutheran Church on Willamette will be a meeting to discuss residents concerns.

**WLWSD reasoning:**

Build new school at Frog Pond because it will cost less now than in the future. New school reflects growth in future.

**WNA Objections:**

This is a rash decision not based on actual reliable data.

Hints of bad judgement in the past casts doubt on decision making skill.

Small primary schools now in areas where children can walk to school.

Schools are in established, supportive neighborhoods whereas a new school would require a nine mile commute with uneven bus support.

The high cost of new housing could discourage young families in Frog Pond area

Long Range Plan is skewed by poor projections.

Existing WL schools have good reputation...no reason to close these

**Main Street:** WNA voted to give \$150 toward expenses related to Halloween in Willamette. Although this event had a response of 1300 children, it was hoped that our grant could be spent on candy and prizes but not on the salary of a paid helper.

Rebecca has reached out to presidents of other NAs and had assurances that they could help cover costs

**Issues:**

Because event is held in Willamette, it is part of WNA responsibility to support businesses and events. However this can be a burden on the WNA funds when the benefit is city wide.

Perhaps the City should bare more of these expenses or raise the WNA stipend.

**2024-2025 budget:**

WNA officers put together a proposed budget based upon usual yearly expenses and grants:

1,000 to The Food Pantry

500 office supplies and incidental equipment for IT

160 fee for use of Zoom

100 - 200 for Main Street events ie: Halloween

contingency fund for unexpected expenses and grants

**West Linn Wetlands:** is monitoring the activity in the land use application for development near Volpp and 5th streets. Variances will be required in the application.

The parcel is divided into 3 lots: housing on 5th street, the wetlands, and the holding pond.

A few signs of support are available. Volunteers welcome.

They will have a presence in the Winter Parade December 14

**The Food Pantry:**

125 Christmas boxes are ready for distribution on Thursday plus toys for children.  
3,300 lbs of food have been donated from food drives.  
February and March will be lean months in need of donations

**Main Street:** Rebecca described the tree lighting ceremony as a big success with a glorious donated tree in front of the Ale House.

The MS Design Committee has had a wreath contest and business decoration contest with great results

A Saturday Holiday Market will take place Saturday Dec 14 with 70 vendors, 30 of which will be outside. At 5pm a

Night Parade will drive through WF Drive

The lighted trees on WF drive are very cheery

Four new businesses have come to Willamette

**Community notes:**

The 'Welcome to Willamette' sign has been installed on 10th Street

Several land use issues mentioned, all of which are planning direct decision.

The WL Tree code needs updating but is now not a City priority.

Verbiage for a nuisance code causes difficulties.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20

Elizabeth Rocchia Secretary