

KCCA Hello Neighbors Social Committee Minutes – August 1, 2025

Recorded and submitted by Mary Lou Russ

Members in attendance: Peggy, Karin, Judi, Judy, Ron, Jacki, Elaine, Sandy, Terri and Mary Lou.

Announcements - Peggy

- Peggy opened the meeting at 10 am, explaining many absences including that of Megan and Cherie, both in another meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Peggy

- Peggy distributed a copy of the updated 2025 budget showing current funds available to be \$8,798.96.
- The July 4th event cost \$473.83, but with \$74 in donations, it totals \$399.83, or \$2 each for the 200 attendees.

New Residents' Packets - Karin

- Karin handed out 5 new resident packets for committee members to deliver, and said 3 of the 10 places she approached for donations provided them and others will in the future. America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses gave a coupon for a free exam and 2 pairs of glasses.
- The Marketing Director of King City Senior Village (KCSV) offered to sponsor an event and to provide a big gift basket for a raffle, and she gave Karin a stack of tickets to brunch at KCSV worth \$20 each.
- Ron said that Gambino's provides gift certificates for discounts which are put in New Residents' packets.
- Discussion about the great food at and the generosity of KCSV and the extent to which we can interact with businesses ethically, avoiding sponsorship, ensued.
- Karin described the hassle of exchanging updated forms in prepared packets; Peggy recommended just putting new forms in new packets instead of exchanging because of the frequency of form changes.

New Residents' Meeting, Sunday, August 3, 2 pm - Peggy

- Based on RSVPs and cancelations, Peggy expects 12 to 15 new residents to attend. Terri and Karin will help; Karin will bring snacks and lead the tour.

Movie Time, Friday August 15, 2 pm - Terri

- A good crowd attended the showing of *Nonnas* in July. Most liked the movie and donations were generous.
- Popcorn which is really good is now bought at BiMart and it's currently on sale. Donations are generous enough that candy will be bought at Costco for future events.
- The film for August is *Black Bag*, a 1h 33m spy thriller. September's film will be *Mission Impossible*; October's, if it is available, *F1*.
- Ron said sodas from Movie Time are currently in the kitchen refrigerator and reminded the group it needs to be empty for use by those who rent the facility.
- He also recommended that donations from Movie Time be put in the committee's general fund, with amounts for supplies deducted as needed since this will provide a financial record.
- Terri agreed and will do.

First Sunday Open House - August 3, 1-3 PM - Elaine

- Mary Lou and Jim Trees are hosting in August; Karin and Edie, in September; Merrily and Sherry Smith, in October.
- Thia made an amazing new poster to use at the event.

July 4th Parade - Elaine

- Feedback from the neighborhood has been great; folks think this was the best parade ever and predict future parades will be larger.
- Protesters marched in the parade, some with the knowledge of local police, respecting the right to free speech. One protester, a KCCA resident, displayed a Nazi symbol, however, which is not free speech, and Elaine is working with others to deal with this, difficult because currently there is no King City manager or attorney. Committee members were shocked and dismayed, unaware of this situation.
- Coffee time went well according to Peggy and Karin; the Mexican treats provided by Gambino's filled in when donuts were gone, but next year more donuts need to be ordered.
- Adults and children enjoyed the juice boxes; more will be ordered for next year.
- The hot dog celebration started at 11:30, timing to consider for next year.
- The number of hot dogs and the amount of ice cream was good, but more condiments and chips were needed. Ron said the food was not set out on tables as intended, but has plans to change that next year.
- The umbrellas and canopies were used and people liked being inside, on the patio and at the entrance.
- Elaine thanked Jacki for the comfort and fun she and Mike provided the Grand Marshall during the parade and said she asked to keep her sash. The committee

agreed that she and future Grand Marshalls all should do so, and some names were mentioned for future Grand Marshalls, but no decisions were made.

- Jacki and Elaine described a 5-7 year-old boy on a bike with training wheels who rode the route near the Grand Marshall, separated from his parents during the parade, but reunited afterward.
- Finally, Elaine said that Dennis and his organizational skills really helped, and he has a plan for even better flow next year, so she is excited to have him continue working with her.

Sunday Monthly Musical - August 10, 2 PM - Judi

- The event for August had to be cancelled.
- The Angels will perform in September.

Hello Neighbors Dance - August 17, 1-3 PM - Ron

- The fee for the dance will be lowered to \$5/person and the Angels will earn \$350 instead of \$400.
- Karin, Peggy, and Judy will meet Ron for set up at noon.
- A trio will perform in September and October and the Angels will provide music for the New Year's Eve dinner and dance.

Hot August Nights - Saturday, August 9, 5-6:30 PM - Ron

- Ron has ordered food for 120 at \$17 per serving. The salad dressing will not include mayonnaise.
- At 4 pm on Friday, August 8, Judy, Thia, Mary Lou, Jacki, Elaine, Terri, Megan, and Dennis will set up lights and lanterns on the patio.
- Judi, Elaine, Sandy and Judy will set the tables on Saturday at 3:30.
- Terri and Mary Lou will greet participants and sell wrist bands to diners for \$5/person; Elaine and Judi will sell 50/50 tickets; Sandy will mingle, strolling to see that those who want to eat know how to pay for their meal.
- Thia will provide two door prizes; Peggy and Sandy, 1 each, and Ron has ten door prizes for future events.
- Judy asked about inviting King City Senior Villagers to attend, but since the food has already been ordered, the committee agreed to do that another time.

Labor Day Potluck, September 1, 1-2:30 PM - Ron

- Ron showed a flyer prepared by Megan which asked participants to bring a main dish, a salad or a dessert to share plus a drink if they choose, and noted that HN will provide water, plates, and utensils.
- Discussion about last year led to a decision to change the flyer, to say HN will provide the main dish. Peggy will get chicken at Thrifty, 100 fried and 20 baked

(last year was 80 of each and fried was definitely more popular). Jacki will get meatballs.

- Ron, Mary Lou, Dennis, Terri, Judi and Judy will set up for the potluck on August 31 at 4 pm.
- On September 1, preparations will begin at 11:30 am.
- Karin and Mary Lou will do 50/50; Judi and Judy will be greeters. Judy, Judi and Jacki will do clean up.

Harvest Hop, Saturday, September 27th - Ron

- Decorations for this 70's event will be those used at Ron's 80th birthday party.
- The fee of \$5 will include shrimp cocktail, jojos, ambrosia salad, deviled eggs, mac & cheese, teriyaki meatballs, and pineapple upside-down cake. The idea of adding jello shots elicited lots of laughs.
- Judy, Terri, Dennis, Judi, Jacki, Thia, and Megan will join Ron for preliminary set up on Friday, September 26 at 4.
- Co-sponsoring events like this with businesses like King City Senior Village (KCSV) came up again and Peggy said she would talk with Yvette. For now, KCSV's offer to provide a large gift basket will be accepted for use at the New Year's Eve dinner and dance.
- Final set up will be at 3:30 on Saturday with Karin, Mary Lou, Sandy, Elaine, Terri, Dennis, and Judi helping; Elaine and Judi will do 50/50; Peggy and Judy will be greeters.

Italian Night - October 25th - Ron

- Jacki and Mike Ceccanti recently acquired food and equipment when Ernesto's restaurant, which they owned for 30 years, closed. They will provide sauces, meatballs, cheese, and an ice cream freezer that holds 3 gallons.
- The menu will be meatballs in marinara sauce, a meatball sauce made by Dennis, a cheese sauce from Jacki and Mike, rigatoni to go with any sauce, garlic bread and a separate table of Caesar salad and antipasto including Kalamata olives. Dessert will be spumoni ice cream.
- Tables will be covered with red and white checkered plastic table cloths, and the Ceccantis have Chianti bottles to use with candles for centerpieces.
- Mike is arranging the music; the price and crews are yet to be decided.

Housekeeping - Peggy

- Peggy shared information from a conversation with Nancy Hayes about the space allocated to Hello Neighbors in the KCCA Newsletter, following up on a discussion between Nancy and Mary Lou.
- Nancy said MJ asks that the list of upcoming events not include anything for which there is a separate flyer in the newsletter.
- The committee discussed newsletter content; looked at a paper from Fairview Village, a HOA in Vancouver, WA; and considered how to best publicize events.
- Megan and Yvette joined the meeting and the discussion. Yvette voiced strong interest in having HN events well publicized and explained how the newsletter is currently produced and funded.
- The publisher is paid for his work by fees from ads--Elaine says hers costs about \$130 an issue--and \$300 an issue from KCCA. KCCA also pays the Lions Club \$300 an issue for distribution.
- Yvette was very interested in the Fairview Village newsletter and knows the administrator there.
- Yvette said she will meet with Nancy, and we should continue submitting articles as we have.
- Yvette intends to set a goal and guidelines for the newsletter.
- Judi and Peggy volunteered to help as needed; Karin said if we ask, we'll probably get lots of community volunteers to help, and Elaine mentioned someone who wants to join HN.

The meeting adjourned at 12 pm.

Next Meeting is Friday, September 5 at 10 am.