

KCCA Hello Neighbors Social Committee Minutes – June 27, 2025

Recorded and submitted by Mary Lou Russ

Members in attendance: Peggy, Cherie, Mary Lou, Patti, Pat, Karin, Sandy, Dennis, Elaine, Jacki, Ron, Thia, Judy, Karen, Edie, and Megan.

Announcements: Peggy

- Peggy opened the meeting at 10 AM, welcoming Jacki back.
- Peggy added the category **Housekeeping** to the agenda and started there, proposing having a Murder Mystery Dinner in 2026.
- She asked if anyone would like to go with her to a Murder Mystery Dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Portland to see how they work. Tickets cost \$75/person and include a three course meal.
- Karen and Megan agreed, choosing July 11 of the available dates, and Peggy said she would order the tickets later today.

Treasurer's Report – Megan

- Megan distributed a copy of the updated 2025 budget.
- As of 6/27/2025, the current funds available total \$8,783.00.
- The Strawberry Shortcake Festival (for which there was no fee) cost approximately \$1.97 per person with 103 residents participating.
- Based on expenses to date, Megan thinks the \$14,000 allocation to the committee for 2025 will be a good amount for 2026.

New Residents' Meetings – Pat and Karin

- Pat said Karin has done a great job of taking over and moving all of the paperwork for new residents' packets to the clubhouse.
- Karin said there were 19 closures on home sales in June and, using a spread sheet she's created, she asked committee members to indicate to whom they would like to deliver packets.
- She added that she will have updates on all information in the packets later today which she will deliver to members to take to new owners, eliciting questions and then laughs about her getting

information from the police and clarifying that it's about parking and getting ready for emergencies.

- Megan will provide brochures about HNSC events for the rest of 2025 for Karin to include in the new packets.
- Peggy suggested that the schedule for New Residents' Meetings go back to four per year given that the highest attendance is usually in November and the last meeting this year is scheduled for October.
- August 3 and November 2 were selected, and Ron will reserve the Living Room for those dates.
- Peggy and Karin agreed to work together to create a letter for new residents and a way to get their contact information to the office, and Peggy thanked Karin for all she's done already.
- Megan suggested that the office probably doesn't have email contact information for all long term residents. She will talk to Yvette about dealing with this, possibly as Karin suggested, via an article in the newsletter.

Movie Time – Friday, July 18 - 2 PM - Dennis

- *Nonnas* is the film for July, and the film for August will probably be *Black Bag*, a spy thriller.
- Attendance is staying in the 50's, with a regular clientele.

First Sunday Open House - July 6, 1-3 PM - Elaine

- Jackie and Theresa are scheduled for the July event; Mary Lou, and Jim Trees for August.
- Karin and Edie are volunteers for September; Merrily and Sherry Smith, for October.

Sunday Monthly Musical - July 13, 2 PM Megan

- Speaking in Judi's absence, Megan said the Beaverton Community Band will perform.

Hello Neighbors Dance - June 16, 1-3 PM - Ron

- Attendance still didn't meet goals and people who attended said the \$10 fee was too high.
- The Angels won't be the performers in September and October, and this event may be one to discontinue in 2026.
- Karin asked if it would help if people dressed up, but Ron pointed out that this is meant to be casual since HN also hosts special dances during the year.

Strawberry Shortcake Festival - Sunday, June 22, 2-3:30 pm - Ron

- Ron said we were able to get 4 1/2 flats of strawberries from the farmer Thia recommends, but we had to supplement that amount and had only a little left over.
- The pound cake was very popular; whipped cream required getting a total of 12 cans, so we'll probably need 8-10 next year.
- Peggy noted that the cans from Costco contained many more servings and were clearly more cost effective.
- Ron said having set up and clean up teams worked very well, definitely a thing to continue going forward.
- He suggested shortening the time to 1 hour. People sat and visited until the raffle and door prizes were given, but left quickly after.
- Peggy responded that she'd like to see entertainment, mentioning things like questions and trivia contests to elicit table conversation rather than a shorter time, and Judy suggested that we spread out the timing of raffle and door prizes.
- Thia noted that the timing this year was out of sync with the strawberry crop and suggested we move the date to an earlier time. Discussion about weather and how things have been in past years lead to agreement to schedule the event one week earlier in 2026.
- Peggy will write a review for the August newsletter.

July 4th Parade and Hot Dog Feed - Ron

- Karin has arranged for Gorilla Donuts to donate all we need for the parade and in addition to donuts, cake and yeast, this will include mini conches.

- Megan has printed notices acknowledging this generosity to be displayed on the food tables.
- The donuts will be cut in half and served with tongs on napkins.
- Ron will have 2 tables set up with plastic table cloths clipped on to avoid wind issues.
- Peggy will be there at 8 AM with Karin, Theresa, and Karen.
- Tamara asked who provides the candy tossed to spectators and learned that it's optional, something some parade participants like to do.
- Elaine distributed updated maps of the Parade route, explained that children stay at the park where the parade ends and that adults will be back to the clubhouse parking lot between 11:15 and 11:30.
- She has invited police and fire personnel to the Hot Dog Feed.
- Elaine has prizes for both carts and classic cars. Places making donations include Gambino's, Trader Joes', Hops on Tap, the Senior Center, and Mashita Teriyaki.
- Elaine has flags and a team to put them out on Monday, and she will be at the clubhouse at 8 am on the 4th to help with the line up.

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

- The caterer for this event will be the same one we've been using.
- The event will be outside on the patio with lights and lanterns.
- Mr. Pan Man will provide live music with steel drums.
- The meal will be spring rolls, pulled pork and chicken in different sauces on buns, coleslaw, pasta salad with dressing, watermelon, baked beans, and cake with strawberries. The cost is \$5/person.
- Ron expects 80 to 100 people to attend and has ordered food for 120.
- Tickets will be sold in the office ahead of time and at the door.
- Thia will provide two door prices; Peggy and Sandy, I each.
- Set up will be at 4 PM on August 8 by Thia, Mary Lou, Judy, Jackie, Elaine, Megan and Dennis.
- Ron will write the article for the newsletter.

Arts and Crafts Faire August 9, 12-6:30 PM – Tamara Sanders

- There are now 20 participants which will fill the banquet room.
- Tamara will coordinate with Thia on decorating.
- Megan clarified that she took flyers to another planner yesterday.

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

- Ideas for the type of food the committee could provide range from chicken and meatballs to sandwiches.
- Last year was a potluck and having no HNSC Neighbors Nite Out this is a consideration.
- More planning will be done at the August meeting.

Other Upcoming Events

- **Harvest Hop - September 27th - Ron**

This will be a 70's event with 70's food, ie. beanie weenies, tater tots, Oreos, jello salads, and

Decorations will be those used at Ron's 80th birthday party.

- **Italian Night - October 25th - Ron**

Jacki and Mike will make the main entree.

Ron's thinking of antipasto, meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert.

- **November and 2026 - Peggy**

Peggy suggested a bake sale which led to conversation about donating proceeds to a worthy cause, having a cake walk, including all kinds of pastries, and more. She also asked that committee members consider what to do for events in 2026.

This meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM.

Next Meeting is Friday, August 15 at 10 AM.