



Occidental Community Council Minutes – August 20, 2011

PRESENT: Fawn Nekton, MacKenzie Nekton, Mary Szecsey, Rebecca Aff, Diane Masura, Candi Penn, Ted Aff, and guests Steven Chais and Aaron Shook, from KOWS.fm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Yes.

MEMBERSHIP: No new members.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: School opens Monday, August 22nd.

The Bohemian Farmer's Market has been great: well attended with many options for shopping and dining. The OCA is hosting a fundraiser for Analy High School – Mystery Dinner: Sept. 3rd, 6:00pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance - \$7,971.91

WEBSITE: Monthly updates, with Local Events on the Occidental Community Calendar.

Jenny is working on the Crafts Faire graphic art for advertising/posters and will send to Candi for the website.

CRAFTS FAIRE: Application for Vendors is available online. Due date is September 15th.

Rebecca, the Vendor Coordinator has notified past vendors and interested newcomers.

After the next OCC meeting, Sept. 17th, the Vendor Jurying will take place. (Fawn, Diane, Kaye, Rebecca)

Kaye will confirm that CERES will be doing the food again.

Donations for the bucket raffle will be solicited from local businesses by Candi & Rebecca.

Vendors will be asked to donate, as usual.

The map for vendor assignments will be requested from Dominique.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

A thank you note was received from the Salmon Creek Watershed Council for our donation.

River to Coast Children's Services newsletter features their history since 1976, celebrating 35 years of service!

The Scoop from West County Community Services – Senior Resource Center:

The Café West (Senior Meals) program is available here in Occidental on Wednesdays at Noon.

For Reservations: 869-0618

Need a ride? If you are over 60, call 829 2440 five days in advance to receive a free ride to appointments.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: The Health Center and School funds will be analyzed for additional needs.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) CA non-profit form is due. (RRF1) Mary and Rebecca will complete and mail.

2) Restoration of the Mural from the Hardware Store was discussed. Aaron Shook offered his artistic skills. We want to preserve town history, and may need to find a new place to display it.

3) The state of CA passed a bill which requires a \$150 fee per rural parcel which will fund Cal Fire, as well as the CA General Fund. Petitions to Repeal are available online.

SCHOOLS: The Gym floor was redone with a Sharks logo in the middle, as well as installation of new carpet and linoleum in classrooms. A new K-8 Handbook has been published, including a NO CELL PHONES rule and a new dress code. Three new teachers have been hired – 5th grade, 6th & 7th English and History.

The School Board has an opening. Application deadline is in October.

THE “Y”: The recent County meeting (Park & Rec) was attended by Diane, and StOCC’s rep Heidi McNeal. A grant has been written by Carol Hart, with support from Efren Carillo, to create the “Gateway Project” which will use the Occidental Community Center as a tourist hub, with a shuttle bus, bike services, lunch boxes, and staff. Presale of tour packages would be a feature. Use as an emergency shelter was reiterated and acknowledged.

HEALTH CENTER: OHC remodel construction proceeds on the group room and lab. Will finish in 6 weeks. The Immunization Clinic is ongoing – Monday from 5-6pm – Kids free, adults donation. Pertussis vaccinations are required for 7th grade entrance. The Forestville Wellness Center had it’s grand opening.

OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP): Map Your Neighborhood gatherings continue. Call 874 3784 to schedule a meeting to share strengths, resources, and learn of the hazards in your area. If you have not created a week’s worth of food and water reserves yet, do it!

COMMUNITY: OCSD Agendas are posted on the OCC website.

KOWS Radio:

1) A Masquerade Extravaganza is planned for October 29th, from 6PM to 1AM

The event will feature four bands, food vendors, a magician, fire dancers, belly dancers, trinkets for sale, tarot card reader, and acts to be announced. This is a costume event! \$15 general admission, \$25 family.

2) OCC voted to donate \$1000 to purchase the equipment required for FCC emergency broadcasting.

The CAP – Common Alerting Protocol upgrades will be completed by September 30th.

3) KOWS.fm is now a member of the National Federation of Community Broadcasters. <http://www.nfcb.org>

4) They have the capability for mobile transmission, so can broadcast live from events and gatherings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2011 at 10:30am – Occidental Community Center