



Occidental Community Council Minutes September 18, 2010

PRESENT: Mary Szecsey, President; Rebecca Aff, Treasurer; Jennifer Nichols, Fawn Nekton, Diane Masura, Felicity Hand, Candi Penn and guest Rene McBride.

President Mary Szecsey called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. Candi Penn took notes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes reviewed and approved.

MEMBERSHIP: No new memberships.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Tuesday, September 21st is the Camp Meeker Residents Dinner at St. Dorothy's Rest.
2. The Salmon Creek Field Dedication will be held October 7th at 1:45pm.
3. The Farmer's Market Harvest Fair marks the last one of the season on October 29th.
4. West County Health Center will host the 35th Anniversary Party for Occidental's Clinic on 12/3.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rebecca presented the September report. A long standing \$7.00 discrepancy was corrected in bank records. Our balance for September 2010 is \$ 8,887.71.

WEBSITE: a) We need a new webmaster, as Deborah North resigned. Candi will continue as content manager. b) We could pay a fee for less than an hour of work each month. c) Our website should be displayed on a sign somewhere in town. Perhaps on the backboard in the parking lot of the community center.

CRAFTS FAIRE:

1. **Postcards and posters** – Fawn ordered post cards with red, green and silver design with Jenny MountJoy.
2. **25th Anniversary** – OCC will focus on special touches to signify our 25th Anniversary Crafts Faire event this year – i.e. silver touches throughout, special birthday cake, etc.
3. Chris Riebli (Graton) is confirmed as our **Santa** for Saturday.
4. Sherry to handle the **Press Release and Calendar Postings**. Will work with Benjamynn and Diane on Doris Murphy interview.
5. **Raffle** is being handled by Candi.
6. **Food** is being organized by Kaye – the **CERES Project** handle food for the event; Kaye will reach out to Taylor Maid for **coffee donation**; Kaye will coordinate with students to run the **bake sale** and Kaye will take the lead on setting up the "**Café**" area.
7. **Sound** – Candi to provide the sound system.
8. Coordination with **OCA** – Diane will check with OCA to see if they will be doing anything at OCA during the day, and will provide us with times for the Occidental Choir performances on Saturday and Sunday evening.
9. Mary to reach out to **Mark Wiley** to see if he is available to help with setup and throughout the weekend.

10. **Setup** will take place on Thursday, 12/9 from 4pm – 8pm – all active and adjunct members are encouraged to attend. Felicity will communicate & coordinate with classes taking place on 12/9.
11. The **YMCA** will provide the popcorn popper and staff for the welcome table.
12. **Banner** – Fawn to work on a plan for the banners and will follow up with Felicity for securing installing on the building in late October.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: OCC Crafts Faire applications are to be juried after this meeting, by Jenn and Dominique.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: The school urgent fund may need to be replenished. Nancy will be consulted.

NEW BUSINESS: a) Next month Adult English Language classes may be offered locally by the SRJC. b) The New Stage at the OCA & Gallery of Kids Artwork is ready. c) Remembering Harmony was great!

SCHOOLS: a) We welcomed the new Principal – Rene McBride. Rene was recently the Principal and a Teacher in a K-8 school in McKinleyville, CA b) The after school program will be run by Karen Fields, instructional aide, and parent Jackie Screechfield.

THE “Y”: a) New classes are being added all the time – check out the Community Calendar on – www.occidental-ca.org for the latest classes – i.e. Tai Kwando and Theater/Dance. B) KOWS Rummage Sale will be held Sunday, October 10 from 11am to 4pm. Donations may be dropped off Thursday thru Saturday.

HEALTH CENTER: a). Save the date for the 37th Occidental Health Center Anniversary party – December 3rd b). Monday is an Immunization Clinic 6-7pm – walk-in for kids and some adults – free pertussis.

OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP): a) Missy is the safety coordinator at school. Emergency Tubs for each class have been created. b) The Joy Road Neighborhood Association held their annual gathering and OEP gave a presentation. c) The Map Your Neighborhood Program will be presented to Coleman Valley Road residents in October. Anyone interested in neighborhood meetings can contact Candi Penn at oep2010@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY: OCSD reported that Occidental used less water this year than in 2004, thanks to personal conservation. Camp Meeker is using less but paying more!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am

Next Meeting: Saturday, October 16, 2010, 10:30 am.