

Occidental Community Council Minutes February 19, 2011

President Fawn Nekton called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

PRESENT: Rebecca Aff, Felicity Hand, Diane Masura, Fawn Nekton, MacKenzie Nekton, Candi Penn and Mary Szecsey.

Guests: Ted Aff (KOWS), Bill Wadsworth and Audrey Vorkoeper (Harmony).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from January 15, 2011 were reviewed and approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: A motion was made and approved for Mary Szecsey to be appointed Vice President, replacing Jennifer Nichols, who is taking a break. We thank Jen for all the support and service she has given to OCC.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership fees are due for 2011. The Working Membership Fee is \$10 (attending 3 or more consecutive meetings) and \$25 for Associate Membership Fee.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ted Aff told us about the next KOWS fundraiser: Full Moon Sock Hop 3/19 - 7:30 pm at OCA (Occidental Center for the Arts) Live Music featuring The Passions. Admission: \$10
KOWS.fm KOWS@sonic.net 874-9090

TREASURER'S REPORT: February 2011 Treasurer's Report was handed out. OCC Balance: \$10,554.52. Rebecca presented the Spending Report for 2010, and the Crafts Faire expense and income report, showing a net income of \$5,277.58. The 2011 operating budget was reviewed and unanimously approved.

WEBSITE: Matt Carpenter updates the OCC website as Candi sends the content; and she keeps the OCC Events Calendar current.

<http://occidental-ca.org>

A poster highlighting the website will be put up in the OCC Bulletin Board.

CRAFTS FAIRE: Expense and Income Report given by Treasurer Aff.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Candi's appointment was accepted and approved. She will receive the key to the OCC mailbox from Mary.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: Our donation to the Salmon Creeks Resource Fund in the amount of \$500 was given to Kaye Martin to hold and distribute. One family was a very thankful recipient of \$150 (the maximum grant per family).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Annual Donation to West County Health Center – Occidental was approved for \$500.
- Ocean Song Donation – motion and approval to give \$50.
- Diane Masura was given approval to buy a lock for the OCC Bulletin Board. Candi is going to create a poster for our website to include.
- Guest Bill Wadsworth voiced his concerns about water rights and water conservation in Occidental.
- Audrey Vorkoeper made a request for funds to produce a Young Writers Competition K-8 slated for May at Harmony Union School. \$700 was approved and donated to cover the cost of the awards and refreshments. There will be three age categories, with a short story and/or poem limited to two pages. The winning pieces will be published, and invited to read on KOWS.fm.
- Audrey also brought a request to OCC for a donation to the ARK Annual Fundraising Auction. \$500 was approved, creating a Sponsorship with some nice benefits – advertising, wine, and tickets. The online silent auction will run from March 28 – April 5 at <http://www.BiddingForGood.com/ark>. The live event “Past, Present, & Future” will be held at OCA on April 9th from 6-10pm.
- The OCA’s request for donation to sponsor the annual Occidental Fool’s Parade was approved for \$75.

SCHOOLS: Student Council Representative MacKenzie Nekton reported on activities and new offerings at Harmony and Salmon Creek Schools.

- There is a new addition to the playground...a Pyramid of Ropes. The Kindergarten playground also got a fun new structure.
- Bake Sale proceeds from the Crafts Faire (\$400) will support Yosemite Trip Scholarships.
- Outdoor Education for 5th & 6th grades was held at Alliance Redwoods for three days.
- Two classes (6th & 7th grades) are holding a “Change Drive” to contribute to the Heffer Program which supports self reliance thru animal husbandry.
- Boxes for donations will be placed in the classrooms for the “Pennies for Patients” benefitting the Leukemia Society.
- A new computer program for middle school kids offers guidance for Education/Career Paths.

THE “Y”: Felicity reported on ongoing and new classes and events:

- Adult Belly Dancing
- Hula Hoop Aerobics
- Friday Night Community Market is ongoing
- There will be a meeting to discuss the kitchen qualifying as a County Health Dept. approved facility on Thursday at 7pm.

HEALTH CENTER: Renovations in Occidental are in the works. Bids have been taken. A Forestville Health and Wellness Center focused on Education & Wellness will be opening. And the Dental Clinic in Guerneville is open now.

OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP):

Timber Lane residents will meet to organize neighbors on March 2nd.

Willow Creek and DuPont Road are in the process of setting up meetings.

If you would like to “Map Your Neighborhood” (up to 20 families), please contact OEP at: oe2010@comcast.net

COMMUNITY:

- 1) Action to restore the mural on the Occidental Hardware Store, has begun. Fawn reported that she has contacted the original artist and is awaiting a reply. The painting is on a removable board, so no work needs to be done to the building.
- 2) KOWS Radio Station is looking for Programmers who would like to commit for one year. Call: 874 9090
- 3) KOWS is fundraising to buy an FCC required transmitter for the Integrated Public Alert System. (\$2000) They have future events planned and thank OCC for the \$500 donation.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 19th, 2011 at 10:30 am