



Occidental Community Council Minutes April 17, 2010

PRESENT: Rebecca Aff, Benjamynn Gabriel, Sherry Huss, Fawn Nekton, Kaye Martin, Diane Masura, and Candi Penn. Guests Lesley Mansford and Nick Nicastro were present.

Meeting was called to order at 10:35.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were reviewed and approved.

MEMBERSHIP: Lesley Mansford and Nick Nicastro were guests at the meeting. They have recently moved to the area and are interested in getting involved with OCC. We welcome them both.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: **a).** A **Bingo Night Fundraiser** will be held at Salmon Creek School on Friday, 4/23 at 6pm. Proceeds will go to Susan's McGovern's 4th Grade Class for their annual 4th Grade Gold Rush Trip; **b).** **Freestone Fermentation Festival** will be held May 15th – for more information, check out: <http://www.freestonefermentationfestival.com/>; **c).** The **Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival** is going on 4/17 & 4/18 in Bodega Bay; **d).** The **Apple Blossom Festival** will be taking place in Sebastopol 4/24 & 4/25; and **e).** Sonoma County Board of Education is holding a **Sonoma County Maker Kids Mini Maker Faire** on May 8th from 11-3pm at Sonoma Country Day School – Sonoma County Teachers and their students will be participating – it is a free event – more info at **www.makerfaire.com**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasure's report is below. Thanks Dominique.

WEBSITE: **a).** Candi Penn will be setting up a Google Calendar for local groups and organizations to post their upcoming events – all are welcome to submit information. More information will follow and be posted on the Occidental Community Council website; **b).** please send Candi any information that you would like highlighted or shared on the OCC website. Candi can be reached at: **candispenn@comcast.net**

CRAFTS FAIRE: Timelines, application process & fees and committee structure will be discussed at the May 2010 OCC meeting. Please come prepared to participate as we will begin planning the 25th Occidental Community Council Holiday Crafts Faire – December 11th & 12th, 2010.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: no updates

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RESOURCE COMMITTEE: Mary Louise from Salmon Creek still has money in the Salmon Creek Resource fund. She anticipates that it will last her through the end of this school year in June and will submit a request to replenish the fund in the fall.

PR & CORRESPONDENCE: We received a thank you from The Occidental Center for the Arts for our donation to them in honor of Doris Murphy's 100th birthday.

NEW BUSINESS: a). Diane Masura shared an STOCC (Save The Occidental Community Center) report. In general, their efforts have really boosted utilization of the building, they have added a weekly event – Occidental Community Market that runs through the first of June and all tolled, the building utilization is up over 841% for Q1 2010 compared to Q1 2009. They are still working through funding scenarios and organization status and have an active website:

<http://www.occidentalcommunitycenter.net/save-the-occidental-community-center.html>

b). Fawn Nekton is in the early stages of researching the possibility of acquiring a piano to be used for affordable and local music lessons for local youth. More information to come at future meetings.

SCHOOLS: a). The school is starting an active PR program highlighting programs and offerings as a way to recruit new students; **b).** The Global Calendar that Fawn reported on at our last meeting has been adopted and resources will be shared within the county – this will have a major impact on improving coordination around transportation.

THE "Y": no updates

HEALTH CENTER: no updates

OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP): a). Candi reports that she is working with the Occidental Volunteer Fire Department to offer **CERT Classes**. Details are still being worked out and the program will be officially announced in the upcoming weeks, however, it looks like there will be classes on Mon. & Wed. evening classes from 6-9pm (7 classes). More information to follow; **b).** **Red Cross training for CPR/First Aid** will take place in Occidental on Saturday, June 5th from 9-4pm – please check out the Occidental Emergency Preparedness website for more information:

<http://www.occidental-ca.org/pages/oep.html>

c). A request was made from OEP for funding of \$300 for mailing of information on the CERT & ARC Classes and OEP. A motion was made and approved to provide this additional funding (\$200 was awarded for the program in 2009 from the OCC).

COMMUNITY: no updates

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 15, 2010, 10:30 am