



## **Occidental Community Council Minutes for January 16, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Dominique Soileau, Mary Szecsey, Kaye Martin, Fawn Nekton & Mackenzie, Jeremy Hodgdon, Candi Penn

Guest: Audrey Vorkoeper

President Mary Szecsey called the meeting to order at 10:35am.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the Nov. 09 meeting were sent out but copies were not available at the meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP:** No new members. Dominique collected annual dues from the members who were present. Sherry will need to send a request for annual membership dues to Associate members.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supper Club is happening once a month at Anderson Hall in Camp Meeker.

**WEBSITE:** We have not heard from Susan in a while and our website needs to be updated. Mary will contact Deborah North about engaging her services again. Candi would be willing to do the regular updates if Deborah can teach her how to do it.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dominique presented the December financial report. (see separate report) She also prepared an expenditure report for 2009, a Crafts Faire report and a budget for 2010. (great work!) Our net revenue for the crafts faire was around \$6,000. There are still a few outstanding expenses. Overall, the council's expenses for 2009 were within budget.

The 2010 budget is based on \$12,000 in funds currently available. There was discussion about the need to set some limits on capital projects since we need to keep funds available for programs. We agreed to limit capital projects to 1/3 of the New Project funds. The 2010 budget was approved as presented.

### **CRAFTS FAIRE:**

Thanks to everyone on their great work before, during and after the Faire. The Faire was very successful this year despite a slow economy and marginal weather. This really demonstrates our great teamwork and organization. Some observations and suggestions for next year are:

- Ceres food was great, the long tables are better for eating
- Bake sale for school was successful, need kids to staff table all day
- Wonderful to have Mark Wiley with us, missed Dom and Jen
- Vendors were happy, hallway was too tight, change configuration of upstairs
- Nice to have a Santa costume (thanks Audrey), jolly Santa is important
- Great raffle coordination, need to get prizes asap, consider two stages with outside prizes in the first stage, adding vendor prizes on Saturday morning.
- Ask ARK to have a table at the Faire

Next year will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Crafts Faire!!!

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** \$100 donation received for STOCC, post office box fees are due.

**RESOURCE COMMITTEE: no report**

**PR & CORRESPONDENCE: no report**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

We discussed the request from Harmony ARK for a contribution to the new playground. We approved an expenditure of \$1,250 with \$1,000 from our New Project budget and \$250 from Donations budget. Mary will contact Audrey.

Mary would like other members of the Council to consider taking on the role of President. Dominique is willing to continue as Treasurer.

**SCHOOLS:** The sports field has been delayed due to weather. The new board President is Bryce Hetler. Lots of activity at the school since returning from the holiday break.

**THE "Y":** The Community Center is busier with more sports, more contributions, more calls and requests to use the building. Jeremy attended the OCSD meeting when STOCC did their presentation. Supervisor Carrillo was there and promised his help to extend county support until long-term plans are finalized. The group is still exploring a parcel tax.

**HEALTH CENTER:** The health center received Federal stimulus funds for a renovation project that will begin soon. The interior will be remodeled to add more exam room space. A suggestion was made to include more natural lighting.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, February 20, 2010, 10:30 am.