



Occidental Community Council Minutes – April 16, 2011

PRESENT: Rebecca Aff, Ted Aff, Felicity Hand, Kaye Martin, Diane Masura, Fawn Nekton, Candi Penn, Mary Szecsey. Guest: Heidi McNeal (STOCC)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Yes.

MEMBERSHIP: Felicity, Ted and Kaye each paid \$10 Active Member Fee. Naomi Curtis sent payment for Associate Membership renewal (\$25).

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tai Kwan Do Masters Demonstration today at Noon. The OCA Thank You Party for Volunteers is this afternoon. Camp Meeker is having a Pancake Breakfast. The Occidental Community Choir Concert “Local Color” on Sat. May 7th is a Benefit for the OCC.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Bank Balance: \$8567.57

WEBSITE: Candi will ask Nadja Masura if she wants the job of webmaster for OCC. Approval was previously given for payment of one hour per month of work.

CRAFTS FAIRE: Plans will begin next month. Vendor Manager is Rebecca Aff. Fawn will receive inquiries from email acct. for event: occcraft@sonic.net

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: River to Coast Children’s Services sent an invitation to their 6th Annual “Enchanted Wine Country Evening” Sat. June 11th 6 -10pm Korbel Champagne Cellars.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: No Requests.

PR: Wooden Sign for Downtown approved: www.occidental-ca.org
To be made by John Proctor. Cost: \$480

NEW BUSINESS: Non-profit renewal form will arrive soon to be mailed by Treasurer by May 31st.

SCHOOLS:

1. ARK Foundation fundraiser = \$20,000! The online auction was extended after the event to provide opportunity to bid on items remaining. It was suggested that a Spring event for families be planned for next year, with a Fall Gala.

2. MacKenzie reported on activities at Salmon Creek and Harmony. The Pennies for Patients ended. The Young Writers Competition entries are due by Friday. The Media Class (6th grade) visited KOWS radio. Yosemite Trip coming up. Star Testing here. Spring Concert theme is “Disney”. The Talent Show was great. Ms. Newman has a new piano in the classroom!

3. Fawn Nekton reported on the Facilities Planning Committee. Priorities and Safety Issues are being

considered, and there are plans to replace the three old portables with new modular “green” buildings.
4. Kaye Martin is on the Strategic Planning Committee. They will be having a two day meeting 4/29-30.

THE “Y”: Mirrors were installed, according to Felicity Hand.

STOCC: Heidi McNeal reported on the efforts to keep the Community Center open. Carol Hart is with So. Co. Park and Rec. and is trying to keep all Vet Buildings open in the county. The strength of this one is the Gym for sports, and it is being well used. June is the renewal month. The Kitchen could use remodeling – estimated \$3000 to \$15,000 – to bring it up to code. Then it could be licensed/rented separately for income.

HEALTH CENTER: Opening in Forestville: Wellness Center in the West America building. Education, Physicals, Immunizations, Prevention and Family Planning Services will be featured. A Classroom and Movement Room will open April 21st for yoga, and other classes.

OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP): Map Your Neighborhood Meetings continue to be held. Frati Lane most recently gathered to share resources and get ready for anything!

KOWS: Recent fundraiser Sock Hop with Raffle garnered \$1500. The team is working on getting The Emergency Broadcasting System Transmitter funded, as well as purchasing two generators for back-up power. The antennae is currently up a 70 ft. tree and they would like to build a steel tower on a new site that reach further. Grant writing and fundraising is the challenge faced. KOWS would like to invite volunteers to join the efforts to keep our local station alive!

COMMUNITY: Occidental Community Services District Meeting is April 19th at the Fire Dept. Water rates are on the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Next Meeting: May 21, 2011 at 10:30 am at the Occidental Community Center.