



Occidental Community Council Minutes – July 9, 2011

PRESENT: Fawn Nekton, McKenzie Nekton, Mary Szecsey, Rebecca Aff, Diane Masura, Candi Penn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Yes.

MEMBERSHIP: New Active Members - Heidi & Steven McNeal, D.D.S. - 707 874 2447
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: Occidental Fireman's BBQ – July 17th

July 18th – Camp Meeker Community Dinner - \$10

Aug. 5-7 – West of West Wine Festival – seminars, tastings and whole hog feast

August 10th – Forestville Health Wellness Center Grand Opening

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Expenses: Website signs, OEP Map Your Neighborhood postcards.

Income: Occidental Community Choir Benefit Concert Donation: \$600.

Balance: \$8632.91

WEBSITE: <http://www.occidental-ca.org>

Monthly updates, with Local Events on the Occidental Community Calendar

CRAFTS FAIRE: Application for Vendors will be revised by Mary and posted online.

Due date is September 15th. Rebecca is serving as Vendor Coordinator and will be notifying past vendors and interested newcomers. Fawn will commission Jenny to do artwork for the posters and postcards.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Thank you note sent to Occidental Choir for their generous donation.

Mail received: Latino Health Forum to be held in Santa Rosa – save the date - Oct. 13th.

Occidental Bohemian Farmers Market – celebrating 10th season! Farmer profile featured - Rainbow's End.

River to Coast Children's Services newsletter features West County Activities and Camps this summer.

West County Community Services – Senior Resource Center offers Senior Meals at St. Philips. \$4 M & W

Donations are needed to support this beneficial program. Contact: Diane – 869-0618

The Area Agency on Aging provides funding for the Volunteer Driver Transportation Program for seniors 60+.

Need a ride? Call 829 2440.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: The Health Center and School funds will be analyzed for additional needs.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Diane requested suggestions for the Choir Fundraiser next year: KOWS, OEP, and the Health Center.

2) Salmon Creek Watershed Council requested funding for a new water probe. Unanimous vote to approve donation of \$511 with a stipulation that they integrate Harmony kids into their testing activities.

3) Restoration of the Mural on the Hardware Store was discussed. We want to preserve town history.

Several local artists will be contacted by Fawn for bids.

SCHOOLS: Three new teachers have been hired – 5th grade, 6th & 7th English and History. The School Board will be appointing a new member in August, due to a resignation. Projects on campus include locks and flooring replaced, new sprinklers and reseeding of the field, and trail work provided by the Coast Guard – 20 hrs./mo. - gratis. School reopens on August 22nd.

THE “Y”: Adult Open Gym Nights:

Drop-in Adult Hoops - Tuesdays at 6pm. (\$3)

Drop-in Adult Volleyball - Wednesdays & Thursdays starting at 6:30pm. (\$3)

Drop-in Indoor Soccer - Fridays from 7:30-9:00pm (\$3)

An upcoming county meeting (Park & Rec) re: Occ. Community Center will be attended by Diane.

HEALTH CENTER: Remodel construction proceeds on the group room and lab.

The Immunization Clinic is ongoing – Monday from 5-6pm – Kids free, adults donation.

Pertussis vaccinations are required for 7th grade entrance.

OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP): Map Your Neighborhood gatherings continue.

Call 874 3784 to schedule a meeting to share strengths, resources, and learn of the hazards in your area.

If you have not created a week’s worth of food and water reserves yet, do it!

COMMUNITY: The OCSD is funding a clean up campaign downtown. Gnarly bushes were removed and new plantings are scheduled. It is a big improvement already!

KOWS.fm: A big fundraising event is planned for October with music, vendors, and good eats.

Openings for Programmers are available.

The Emergency Signal upgrades will be completed by September, so donations are appreciated!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Next Meeting: August 20, 2011