



Occidental Community Council Minutes - May 21, 2011

PRESENT: Rebecca Aff (Treasurer), Ted Aff (KOWS), Fawn Nekton (President), Mackenzie Nekton, Candi Penn (Secretary), Mary Szecsey. Guests: Allie Clark and Desiree G. from Americorps.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Unanimous.

MEMBERSHIP: New Active Members - Steven and Heidi McNeal

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fermentation Festival at Salmon Creek today and KOWS.fm will be remote broadcasting. Any PSAs may be dropped off at the KOWS studio.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance - \$8007.91
Paid John Proctor for wooden web signs.
Received \$600 from Occidental Community Choir Benefit!

WEBSITE: New signs for the OCC website are up downtown and they are BEAUTIFUL!

CRAFTS FAIRE: Next month we will be creating the Application for Vendors for this year's event. Applications will be due in September.
The Occidental Community Choir will be singing on Sunday, Dec. 11th and it was suggested they begin the concert at 4PM so people can be present for the Raffle Drawing and then go to the concert.

SECRETARY: Membership received from McNeals.
Thank you letter from Ocean Song for OCC membership contribution.
River to Coast Children's Services Newsletter received.
West County Community Services Senior Resource Center newsletter received.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: School ending soon. Balance will be reported next month.

NEW BUSINESS: Eight Americorps Volunteers are staying at St. Dorothy's Rest until July 13th. They would like to help with a community project. Recommendations include: OCA, Farmer's Market, Dutch Bill Creek Cleanup, Health Center, Map Your Neighborhood with OEP.

THE "Y": StOCC reps are invited to attend June OCC meeting for report on status/progress.

HEALTH CENTER: Everyone has allergies! Forestville Clinic has new hire: Dr. Gary Pace. Homeopathic and Herbal Health will be featured in addition to regular care. Herbal School will also be giving classes and support. Chronic Pain classes begin in June.

OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP): Map Your Neighborhood meetings are being planned for three areas: Willow Creek Rd., Fitzpatrick Lane, Harrison Grade Rd. Call 874 3784 or email: oep2010@comcast.net if you would like to schedule a meeting for your area.

KOWS.fm: A permanent antennae is planned which will cost \$25,000, and will reach Sebastopol.

SCHOOLS: Young Writers Showcase is Wednesday at 6:30pm
152 entries were received and 24 winners will be featured in the Showcase, reading their poems and stories. Open House was a success, thanks in part to the Ice Cream Social included!
Student Appreciation Day was fun: lunch was provided with a BBQ by the Coast Guard, solar oven cookies were enjoyed, and 250 kids flew kites on a nice spring day.
The movie “Bag It” and a dinner was presented by the environmental group of kids.
Sharks Basketball placed 3rd at the Tournament.
Mr. Marsh is adding two sports for next year: Girl’s Flag Football and Boy’s Volleyball.

The Long Term Planning Retreat was held for one and a half days with David Wheeler featured. The big picture with goals and values being updated is in process and will be presented to the Board. A new IT person was hired, and will play a resource role with students as well. A computer lab with upgrades will move out of the library. There will be a temporary teacher hire to replace a teacher on maternity leave. Hiring a new 7th & 8th grade language teacher is also in the works.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

Next Meeting: Saturday, June 18th at 10:30am at the Occidental Community Center.
(The July meeting has been changed to July 9th – one week early.)