



Occidental Community Council Minutes – April 28, 2012

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Unanimous.

ATTENDANCE: Rebecca Aff, Kaye Martin, Diane Masura, Fawn Nekton & Candi Penn.

GUEST: Carolyn Nieman

MEMBERSHIP: Renewals are Due: \$10 Working and \$25 Associate Members.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OAEC – Wed. garden volunteers welcome. 10am – 5pm. Lunch served at 12:30.

Occidental Community Choir – Straw into Gold – May 4, 5, 12,13, 18,19.

KOWS benefit on May 5th – 8 pm OCA

ARK Dinner and Auction – May 5th – Fernando’s Hideaway, Bodega 5:30-10:30pm

Harmony Union School Spring Concert - May 3rd – 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

E-waste Collection & Appliance Recycling at the Monte Rio Parking Lot - May 19th

(Televisions, computer monitors/towers, batteries.)

The Bohemian Farmer’s Market Opens Friday, June 1st.

TREASURER’S REPORT: No new activity. Balance: \$11,413.22

WEB SITE : Check to Nadja Masura sent for March, April and May web work.

CRAFTS FAIRE:

The 2012 Craft Faire Layout and Vendor Application were approved and will be posted online.

Deadline is September 14th for Applications. Rebecca has agreed to be the Vendor Manager.

Rules for Vendors and Judging Criteria will be reviewed and available online and via email.

Rebecca will invite Santa.

Discussion of food options – El Mo students, Food Truck parked at Dining Room doorway.

Decorating will be Thursday, Dec. 6th from 3pm until done.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

OCC received a Thank You letter from OAEC, offering members a 10% Discount on plant sales.

We received from West County Senior Services a REQUEST for donation. Diane Spain, Director.

A vote passed to donate \$100, which goes to help fund the Sr. Lunch program.

As a thank you for sponsoring the ARK Fundraiser, tickets were given to members for the Gala Dinner and Auction, May 5th.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: No big needs have arisen at the school.

NEW BUSINESS: Talk and agreement to set up a display for the OCC brochures downtown, to be set up with the existing OCC Bulletin Board. Candi and Diane will look into this.

SCHOOLS:

The 8th Grade Mural Project is painting two scenes: Native flowers and a moonlit evening with salmon. The Pennies for Porridge collection to feed hungry African children is one project for public service.

Harmony and Salmon Creek Graduations are coming up.

Last day of school is Wed. June 5th.

School will start one week later in the Fall, on August 29th 2012.

The parcel tax for Harmony Union will expire next year. Currently it raises \$100,000 per year.

That breaks down to \$52 for each property in the school district.

Transitional Kindergarten, called T-4, is being considered as an addition to the curriculum.

THE “Y” / COMMUNITY CENTER:

Diane reported on communications with So.Co. Park & Rec Carol Hart’s assistant, Steve Erhet.

The County is awaiting funding for the project discussed: using the Y as a Hub for tourists, and cyclists.

Conversations with local businesses are being held.

Jeremy H. has the key to the storage area. A call to request is necessary to access our brochures.

HEALTH CENTER: Nothing to report.

OEP: Map Your Neighborhood Meetings are available for scheduling. 707 874 3784

And training for leaders is available at the Seb. Fire Dept in May, June, July & Aug.

It is important for neighbors to rely on each other for safety all the time, not just emergencies.

One example was offered: Several truck robberies have taken place on Harrison Grade Rd.

KOWS: Occidental Community Choir Concert Benefit – May 5th – OCA.

COMMUNITY:

Downtown Landscaping

Chris Hensley presented his ideas at the OCSD Meeting as was well met.

A budget will be developed at the next meeting.

OCC is willing to donate for plants, and awaits communication from OCSD.

Dog Scoop Signage with Bags/Trash Bin

OCC thinks they are needed. We recommend one at each end of town.

Where and when these could be erected in town would be the OCSD responsibility, as would be the trash collection.

OCC is willing to order and pay for them to be put up, if approved by OCSD.

Table at Farmer’s Market

Discussion came to conclusion that we shall provide OCC flyers to existing vendors interested in promoting the Council.

The Meeting was Adjourned at 11:49am.

Next meeting is Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 10:00am at the Occidental Community Center.

Note: This is earlier, at the request of members.