



Occidental Community Council Minutes – January 21, 2012

PRESENT: Rebecca Aff, Kaye Martin, Diane Masura, Fawn Nekton, MacKenzie Nekton, Candi Penn, Mary Szecsey, and guest: Noelle Heron

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Correction of guest's last name from November 2011 Minutes: Lidz

MEMBERSHIP: Renewals Due. Rebecca and Candi will send notices via email and by mail.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: OCA Gallery open Thursdays & Fridays from 12 to 4pm. The Quilt Show is currently being displayed. Volunteers are encouraged to contact LeeAnn Lidz at The Occidental Center for the Arts.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rebecca reported on the OCC Balance after Disbursements and Deposits: \$11,983.57. A \$100 Donation was received from John Blair family. The 2011 Holiday Crafts Faire Income and Expenses were reported. Net Income was \$5304.40. The 2011 Spending Report was presented and a vote was passed to keep the same percentages of funding for the following criteria: Admin/Website, Resource Fund, Donations, On-going Projects, New Projects, and Crafts Faire. Total spending in 2011 was \$6617.89.

WEBSITE: Local Events are posted on the OCC Google Calendar. Updates from OCA, Salmon Creek, and OCSD are included on our website, as well as our monthly meeting minutes and special announcements.

CRAFTS FAIRE: It was a great success. Rebecca's friend will be hired as Santa next year, and the suit will be cleaned. Raffle prizes from vendors and local businesses were a big hit. Net Income was \$5304.40. Thanks to Aioli Deli for the yummy food and donation. Thanks to KOWS and the Occidental Choir for manning the popcorn/community table and sharing the donated proceeds.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Fund requests/Sponsorships were approved for the following non-profit organizations: Ocean Song (\$50), Occidental Arts and Ecology Center (\$50), Harmony ARK Auction (\$500), and the West County Health Centers (\$500). Correspondence from the following organizations are appreciated: River to the Coast Children's Services, Sonoma County Jefferson Awards for Public Service, The Scoop: West County Community Services, the Human Race 2012, and the Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: OCA's request for funds to produce the April Fool's Parade on Sunday, April 1st was approved: \$100.

NEW BUSINESS: Bohemian Buffet's Winter Market has been cancelled. Renovations to the Community Center are being explored by Nancy Collins. Potential funding from the Bohemian Grove Club might be used for Kitchen upgrades, Solar Panels, Acoustic Panels, and Lighting. The YMCA or the County would be the appropriate non-profit agencies to be included in these projects.

SCHOOLS: A Memorial for Lia, an aide, is being held today at 1pm. One new 8th grade student is enrolled. The school play will be presented the first and second weekends in March. Student Council had a successful book exchange. A New Construction Project will begin this next summer. Portables will be removed and one large building will be erected including a work space, rest room and classroom. The Library improvement has been completed. The Wellness Committee's "Garden to Table Program" is a model for all schools.

THE "Y": Fawn will contact Heidi and David of StOCC to ask them to attend our meeting in February, with the intent to invite the Sonoma County Rep in March for updates on plans for the building.

HEALTH CENTER: The Wellness Center in Forestville is very successful. The Volunteer Program is managed by Marty DeKay. Volunteers are trained and provide services as waiting room hosts and outreach. Seven sites are available for volunteers to contribute from 2-10 hours per month.

OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP): Neighborhood Gatherings are ongoing in the Occidental and Camp Meeker areas. Contact Candi Penn to schedule a "Ready for Anything" meeting, which includes watching a DVD, listing resources and being aware of special needs for the elderly, children, & pets. 707 874 3784 or oep2010@comcast.net

COMMUNITY: Laurel Anderson and Susan McGovern will meet with the Watershed Council to set up classes to monitor water quality in Salmon Creek.

KOWS: The Occidental Community Council PSA will be updated for broadcast on KOWS.fm. The Occidental Community Choir will be singing as a benefit this year for KOWS.fm (107.3 fm).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43am

Next Meeting: Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 10:30am at the Occidental Community Center.