



## Occidental Community Council Minutes – January 19, 2013

**PRESENT:** Kaye Martin, Diane Masura, Carolyn Neiman, Fawn & MacKenzie Nekton, Candi Penn, Mary Szecsey, and Donald True.  
Guests: Chris Henley (Water's Edge Landscaping), Carol Capria (Thread of Hope).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Unanimous.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Yearly membership fees are due. Paid: MacKenzie & Fawn, Diane, and Kaye.  
New Membership Received: Noel Bouck, John Blair & Aleksandra Takala

### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

OCSD: Fool's Parade issues will be discussed at the OCSD Meeting February 19<sup>th</sup>.  
OCSD Meeting April 16<sup>th</sup> will include Public Comment on Occidental Water Rates.

Bodega Land Trust events every month: Jan. 19 – Lamb Walk. . bltrust@sonic.net  
Feb: Habitat Connectivity, March: Restoring Beavers to Protect Wetlands,  
April: Local History of Railroads

Mary Black's Pilates at Harmony Village has a rental space available. (865-9230)

Occidental Health Center Open House is March 1 at 5:00pm.

PMRD Meeting re: Medical Marijuana Dispensary will be held Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon, Santa Rosa.

OCA Film Festival begins January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for \$10 and continues once a month.

The Quilt Show is on exhibit now. A Student Art Show is planned for May.

Barley & Hops is fundraising with beer sales for the family who had a fire in Camp Meeker.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** January - \$10,685.98

Craft Faire Report, Vendor Report, and 2012 Spending Report (\$8106.59)

2013 Budget to be presented/discussed at February Meeting.

Post Office Annual Box fee is due: \$48.

**WEBSITE:** Events calendar has OCA, OAEC, OCSD, OCC, KOWS and other local happenings.  
Announcement of Community Center Meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> will be posted.

**CRAFTS FAIRE:** Net Income: \$4666.96

Review and Conclusions: The two front doors upstairs must remain open during the event.  
Include notice in Vendor Application that there is NO internet connection at venue.

The last raffle item should be the best.

Donations to the Raffle must be ready by 9am to allow for set up.

Putt vendor photos on the Raffle Table to be picked up when vendor donation is delivered.

Entertainment like hula hoopers, mistletoe vendor, etc. ok with 20% donation to OCC.

Advertising should be ready to give to vendors for distribution: postcards, digital graphics.

No Gazette Ad next year. Article on Council and Faire for publication, as well as listing in Holiday Events column will be sufficient and save \$828. Unanimous Vote.

Kids activity would be good. Garden teacher, Crafts.

The School Bake sale made \$348. Good job!

Santa – Shane was good. He will do it again. We want to set up a place for Reception on the stage, and have toys as well as candy to distribute.

MacKenzie volunteers to be Santa's Helper and Raffle Assistant again next year.

Decorating was great. Thanks to all who helped.

Gino will work again next year...Security and Vendor Set Up Coordinator. (\$500)

Carol Capria from Thread of Hope has been a vendor for over 15 years and loves the event. She was surprised and unhappy with her booth assignment. It is the only sales for the charity each year.

Carol said she is willing to pay a premium for the foyer space.

A vote was taken after discussion, and it was decided to keep the "L" shaped space in the foyer utilized this year, leaving room for traffic and Council Poster, with some adjustment of the popcorn area.

FOOD: Needs improvement. A Request for Proposals to food vendors will go out in August.

In the past, donations from the community and restaurants were successful, with a kitchen manager.

Kaye Martin volunteered to coordinate for next year. Some people come just for the food!

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

Requests for donations: Palm Drive Health Care Foundation, and Sebastopol Sr. Center.

The ARK – specific projects will be funded throughout the year.

WC Health Centers (\$500), OAEC (\$50), and Ocean Song (\$50) – Approved.

Donations Received:

John G. Blair & Aleksandra Takala - \$100

Dr. Steven & HeidiMcNeal - \$100

Emails:

Volunteer Center "Have A Heart Benefit" is Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Vintners Inn. \$145 + drinks.

Women's Global Leadership Initiative – 5 days - Feb, March, April at Empire College. wgli.org

Human Race Kickoff Breakfast: Tuesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at Flamingo Hotel, 7:30am \$22

**RESOURCE COMMITTEE:** Health Center funds are sufficient at the time, and Harmony Union Funds are separate and available by request to administrator Kaye Martin.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Fool's Parade is set for April 6<sup>th</sup>. OCA's request for \$100 donation received and approved unanimously.

Funds (\$150) for Roadside Garbage Collection by Gino Gaffney were unanimously approved.

The OCC will be the sponsor for MacKenzie Nekton's service trip to India this summer with

an organization called "Free the Children". (This item was approved via email post-meeting.)

**SCHOOLS:** HUSD Newsletter 1/11/13 – Health Note: Beware of colds, flu, head lice.

Extra clothing (children's pants) needed.

The New Playground will be open in March.

A Community Service Project is progressing.

Sherlock Holmes is the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade play being produced: the first two weekends in March.

**THE "Y":** Community Forum event with County Parks Dept set for Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Caryl Hart and Assistant Steve will be there, as well as Stephanie & Brian, Architects from Monte Rio.

Mary will facilitate and give history. KOWS will do a PSA. Diane will tell OCSD, Watershed Council,

and OCA, and also hand out notices to downtown merchants. Notice will be posted on Bulletin Board.

School will be notified. Candi will provide coffee pot and get supplies together, incl. tea.

**HEALTH CENTER:** Flu Shots are available for \$10 on Mondays between 5pm and 6pm.

**OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP):**

Projector for presentations was purchased. Request from OEP funds: \$377.65. Approved. The New Emergency Trailer will be ready soon. We are looking for a place to park it.

**COMMUNITY:** Downtown beautification project almost complete. Funds to Water's Edge Landscaping for plants (\$714.17) & OCC Associate Membership approved unanimously. OCSD hired WEL for one year to maintain the areas – keeping drains clear, weeding, pruning. The New Cell Tower has been approved by the County.

**KOWS:** Emergency Alert System working. Renewal of Broadcasting License in December, 2013. Broadcasting from the OCA for events will expand scope. The Technical Committee is working well. Two storms knocked out power. The building is being sold. KOWS would like to remain there.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

**Next Meeting:** RESCHEDULED TO: February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30am, Occidental Community Center