



## Occidental Community Council MINUTES – Jan. 18, 2014

**PRESENT:** Diane Masura, Carolyn Neiman, Fawn Nekton, Candi Penn, Mary Szecsey, Donald True.  
Guest: Gail Saunders – Yoga Instructor (528 6208, [gail@smilingtreeyoga.com](mailto:gail@smilingtreeyoga.com))

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

**MEMBERSHIP:** New: St. Dorothy's Rest \$30; Donation: Aleksandra & John Blair \$100.  
Candi, Mary, Fawn & McKenzie, and Donald paid \$10 active membership fees.

### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Joy Rd. Art Walk – 11 to 5 Sat. & Sun.; Gallery – Mix it Up – open Fridays and Saturdays;  
Bach to the Future presented by RAC at OCA; Registration Open for Gran Fondo 2014;  
High Speed Internet Availability Meeting at St. Philips Church on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.  
Kiosk at Howard's Station will feature the Salmon Creek Watershed Timeline.  
Jan. 26 - 3-5pm Gold Ridge Walk on Dutch Bill Creek with info about Coho Restoration.  
([Krista@westminsterwoods.org](mailto:Krista@westminsterwoods.org))

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Current Bank Balance: \$12,387.14. New checks will be ordered.  
Crafts Faire Financial Report will be presented next month.  
Wooden Web sign invoice was presented to Carolyn for payment.  
Next month we will review categories/percentages in the Budget Proposal.

**WEBSITE:** YMCA and School Calendars have been linked.  
2013 Accomplishments will be featured on the site.

**CRAFTS FAIRE:** Financial Report to be presented at February Meeting.  
Review: Good planning, duties evenly distributed and well executed. Bake sale was a success.  
Vendor Management was great: people were happy with the personable touch.  
We will probably deal with more online vendor signups including photos in the future.  
Raffle went well. Decorations were great. Lobby display was good. Kids choir was fun.  
Dates will go back to being the second weekend of December 13-14, 2014.  
Improvements needed:  
Heating – turn on night before, keep checking thermostats, get plastic doorway hung up soon.  
Food – Courtney volunteered to set up menu/food next year. We all agreed that soups, salad,  
and garlic bread would be perfect. Maybe some kids wanting to fulfill their community service  
will want to help out.  
Vendors – Better selection of goods. Too much jewelry!  
Santa – Best to hire for 2 days/6 hrs. and to specify in advertising when he will be available.  
Internet access for credit card processing – if not improved by next year, make sure vendors  
know it is limited.  
Candi will send out a survey to vendors via email and ask for input/suggestions.  
Thank you notes will go out to Mark Wiley and Jenny Mountjoy for their dedication!  
Thanks to all the volunteers!

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

PO Box Fee Due: \$54 for 12 months payable to "U.S. Postal Service". PAID. Ck#523.

Thank you note from WCCS Sr. Resources for donation for Lunch Program.

Requests for Donations APPROVED:

Oceansong - \$50; WCHC – Resource Fund \$200; Redwood Arts Council – \$50;

Sonoma County Regional Parks - \$69

We have not heard from OCA about the Paver we purchased. Diane will follow up.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Payment for OCC Banner: \$136 & Ink for Printing Minutes, Agendas, etc: \$62 = \$198 made.

Once we get some rain, we will mark where we want more plantings done downtown.

There is a new bike rack near the Howard's Station take-out window.

We will advocate for a Charging Station to be set up in Occidental for electric cars.

The Occidental Walking Tour book by Amy and Mark Wiley is a possible new project. It is out of print and could be a good addition to our website. We will be talking more about it.

**SCHOOLS:** Closed Jan. 20 – MLK jr.; Feb. 14-17 for Presidents Days.

The Field was vandalized and there is a reward for information. \$20K damage!

Surveillance has been beefed up, a new gate installed, and more large boulders placed.

**OEP:** Ham Radio Tech Class Feb. 7-9 at ARC in Santa Rosa.

Occidental has a HAM tower, and the Occidental Health Center uses it regularly.

The Emergency Trailer is coming; we hope the County will allow space at the Comm. Center.

**HEALTH CENTER:** Flu shots are available on Monday Evenings from 5-6 pm.

Open House is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 pm.

**COMMUNITY:** Four lots in the Harmony Village will begin being built, as permits are done.

**"Y":** Monthly meetings are scheduled to discuss the Community Center on the first Tuesday of each month by a Coordinating Committee. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the Union Hotel at 7pm.

**KOWS.fm:** License renewed Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> which cost \$1500. Transmitter is yet to be moved.

Funds request coming next month. KOWS will be broadcasting live from the opening of the Community Market at the Barlow in Sebastopol on Sunday.

**Next Meeting:** February 15, 2014. 10:30am. Occidental Community Center.