



Occidental Community Council Minutes – January 17, 2015

PRESENT: Carolyn Neiman, Fawn Nekton, Candi Penn, and Donald True.

Guests: Anne Maurice & Andrea Van Dyke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Yes.

MEMBERSHIP: No new members. Yearly dues may be paid now.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sonoma County Water Agency had a meeting in Occidental on January 9th.

An initial study of the proposed project is a preliminary analysis of environmental impact.

Senior Environmental Specialist Jeff Church: jchurch@scwa.ca.gov

404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, 95403. <http://www.scwa.ca.gov/OCSD/>

Swing Dance at OCA – Saturday, January 31st. Lesson at 7pm. Live Band: Out of the Blue.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

November Balance: \$13,549.64

January Balance: \$13,705.08

Toys for Tots \$200 APPROVED and paid.

2015 Budget Proposal will be presented next month, February 21st.

WEBSITE: Calendar is updated. Events added and some edited.

Monthly Council Minutes are posted: www.Occidental-ca.org

CRAFTS FAIRE: Review – We APPROVED a purchase of two outdoor heaters.

Vendors Feedback – Great event! Raffle wonderful. Verizon worked for charges.

Food was yummy, but would like to see more variety...soups, chili, salad, drinks.

Free coffee was great! Nice variety of crafts. Temperature of the building was perfect.

Lorie’s Inspirations complained of booth cost – did not consider it a “corner”. It was noted that it was a primo spot in front of the stage, next to the Raffle Tables, so will remain \$200.

Our Vendor Waiting List was about 30! There were a couple of requests to set up on Friday, but we do not have the staff to do that.

Publicity - MacKenzie volunteered to create a Crafts Faire Facebook Event Page next year.

We need more big signs. Gazette ad worked (cost \$693). Use WACCO Board online next year.

We need to accentuate the FREE ADMISSION in all our advertising!

Food – Not sure we will get 10% from Gerard’s Paella...tabled.

Raffle – Suggestion to get vendors to donate before 9am – give a Raffle Ticket(s).

Entertainment – Ukele Groups were great. Two types of performances per day for next year?

Santa – He was great this year. We are considering offering pictures with Santa as an additional revenue stream. We need to talk to Mark Wiley about printer set up, etc.

Financials – Final numbers coming next month. Raffle: \$1256. Popcorn: \$114.50.

Vendor Fees? Printing? Garlands/Tree? Decorations? Candy? Security/Cleanup?

\$60 Refund (1/2 of fee) was APPROVED for Vendor that did not show due to family illness.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

“Scoop” Senior Resource Center Newsletter

Amazon Smile Foundation – Donations TO OCC! Signup required. Fawn will do it.

PO Box Fee Due: \$58 to Carolyn for payment.

APPROVED Donation/Membership Requests: Oceansong \$100 & WCHC \$500.

NEW BUSINESS: OCA/Andrea requested our sponsorship: Around the World in 30 Instruments.

To be presented to the Harmony Union children on Thursday, March 5th 8:45am – 9:45am.

APPROVED: \$200

It was also suggested some children from Monte Rio School be invited if there is room.

Exchanges for extra curricular activities is welcomed and a good community building practice.

SCHOOLS: Pre-K to 8th Grade: 230 Children this school year. 14-20 in each classroom.

THE “Y”: Anne Maurice, our guest, was instrumental in getting the YMCA to come on board the Community Center 25 years ago. She helped get the gym floor done, as well as the pergola outside. Thanks! She is interested in adding activities, such as Badminton and Ping Pong.

Community Center Advisory Council Meetings: First Tuesday each month: February 3 at 6:30pm.

Local Contact: Benjamynn Gabriel at Benjamynn@me.com

For more info:

http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/About_Us/Project_Details/Occidental_Community_Center.aspx

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2015 – 10:30am – Occidental Community Center