



Occidental Community Council Minutes – February 20, 2016

PRESENT: Diane Masura, Rachael Mave, Fawn Nekton, Carolyn Neiman, Candi Penn, and Mary Szecsey. Guests: Ann Maurice, John Greaves

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: YES

MEMBERSHIP: New Associate Members: Marnie Tattersall, John Greaves

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bodega Fire Dept. Polenta Dinner Fundraiser – February 27th – Will help Crab Fishermen!

KOWS Benefit Concert – March 18th \$20 Sebastopol - Epworthian Hall - 500 North Main Street

April 2nd is the Fool's Parade and Celebration at OCA.

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Reimbursement approved for stamps and ink to Carolyn Neiman.

February Balance: \$14,186.70

2015 Holiday Crafts Faire Final: Net Income - \$6,549.88

2016 Budget Proposal – Approved.

WEBSITE: Traffic Report – over 3000 hits for the month.

April Fools Parade will be featured with a Photo.

A link to the Gazette Newspaper website will be posted.

Updates to the YMCA offerings will be included.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Senior Resource Center Newsletter – February Scoop

Events posted on the OCC Calendar (Google). Sports at YMCA need updating.

Ann and John will email Candi with changes and additions.

OCA – Candace Mackey Retired. Rachael McDavid is the new Coordinator.

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RESOURCE COMMITTEE: The Occidental Health Center will receive \$500.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planter Boxes at the Community Center need work. John Greaves has weeded them.

School children planted them 20 years ago!

SCHOOLS: Rachael led a discussion about the planned Occidental Tour & History project.

Emphasis on current businesses and things to do in town was suggested.

The Mural on the Bohemian Market could be updated.

Question about a trail from school to town led to education about past attempts.

The most feasible plan included a trail through CYO camps, but ended with the only solution to cross Bohemian Highway being an expensive overpass walkway.

The old railroad access was opposed by neighbors.

THE “Y”:

The OCCAC has completed their mission. Several people who have been involved would like to continue with plans to fundraise in order to implement community suggestions. www.occidentalcommunitycenter.org - Available: January 23rd Meeting Results Tabulated.

Ann Maurice expressed interest in doing some small projects, such as raising money and buying new tables/chairs, and storage for the ping pong tables (perhaps an outside pod).

She has been communicating with the County to have maintenance done on the inside.

John Greaves is a participant in the sports offered, and will help keep us updated on changes for the OCC online calendar.

It was noted that the YMCA calendar is not up to date, so we decided to delete the link to the YMCA.

HEALTH CENTER: The Emergency Unit is being used in Guerneville. The burned building will be torn down at the end of this month and a modular temporary building will be used until future plans are developed for a new building.

COMMUNITY:

Community Notes by Diane Masura.

OCSD Jan. Meeting – Tree Removal fund to be created (cracking sidewalks).

The Sonoma County Water Agency has decided to truck Occidental sewage to a facility.

Ann Maurice had an article in the Gazette outlining options, and continues to be active in educating people about tertiary treatment. She is on the Ad Hoc Committee for Clean Water and can be reached at 874 3855.

KOWS: KOWS Benefit Concert – March 18th \$20 Sebastopol

Next Meeting: March 19th, 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center