



## Occidental Community Council Minutes – September 17, 2016

**PRESENT:** Kaye Martin, Diane Masura, Rachael Maves, Carolyn Neiman, Fawn Nekton, Candi Penn, Mary Szecsey, Donald True.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Yes.

**MEMBERSHIP:** No new members.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Sunday, Sept. 18: Camp Meeker Fire Ordinance Meeting

Friday, Sept. 23: Quilt Show at OCA Opens

Saturday, Oct. 1: Levi's GranFondo Bike Race. Be aware of road closures.

**TREASURER'S REPORTS:** Carolyn Neiman reported the Bank Balance: \$11.016/70  
Payment will be sent to Nadja for website work: Sept. & Oct. \$100.

**CRAFTS FAIRE:** 2016 Vendor Applications are ready for Judging TODAY.

Vendor Manager Carolyn Neiman will be contacting people with the results this week.

Set up/Decorating will be Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2pm.

Courtney confirmed John will be Santa.

Diane and Carolyn will tape the floors for vendor spaces.

Fawn will order posters & postcards, and circulate artwork for final approval before printing.

Fawn will order and pickup Tree and Garlands. James Nekton will buy drinks & candy.

Fawn will sign up for two ads in the Gazette: the December issue and the Holiday Insert.

Bill Penn will supply the sound system, and Candi has Holiday Music. Will Bill help set up signs this year?

Candi will send out press releases to the media again.

Candi will solicit donations from local businesses for the Raffle.

Kaye Martin will manage the Food Concession, getting soups and asking for donations for bread, and salad fixings, as well as pastries and coffee for vendors during morning set ups.

Renegade Roasters applied for a vendor booth, so we agreed they could serve coffee, hot chocolate, etc. to everyone when the event opens, and be set up next to the dining area.

The popcorn machine will be manned by students.

The Salmon Creek Bake Sale will be coordinated by students.

The Community Table will be available to display flyers for local non-profits.

The OCA Gallery will be encouraged to sell their items (art/jewelry/gift cards) during the Holiday Crafts Fair to encourage the spirit throughout town.

**WEBSITE:** Traffic Report: 5314 hits.

Nadja is doing some design revisions on the website (back end and visible pages) and plans to be finished by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. She is donating six hours and if it takes more, would like to be paid. We agreed to limit the expense to \$300 for six additional hours if needed.

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

Senior Resource Center Newsletter – September Scoop

Events posted on the OCC Calendar (Google).

Sonic web/email hosting bill comes monthly now, paid thankfully by Sherry Huss.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Grant Funding Program – Fawn report tabled.

Redesign of Kiosk on the median in front of the Union Café.: A suggestion was made to highlight the old railroad lines history. Gino is going to ask Rick Coates if he would like to design and implement it.

Then Diane will ask Barbara Gonella for the key and approval.

Mural on Bohemian Market Wall – Kaye Martin and Tanya (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher) will be starting work with the students to update the mural.

Mural/Paint on Union Motel /Occidental Rd. Wall – Nothing done. Contact again? Present an idea?

**SCHOOLS:** Rachael showed the new logos for the school, including the new smiling Shark mascot, which will be printed on t-shirts for all grade children and staff.

The e-news is available weekly – send an email to: [rmaves@harmonyusd.org](mailto:rmaves@harmonyusd.org)

The website has been redesigned: <http://www.harmonyusd.org>

Check out the Values and Vision, as well as the Calendar and all the Sports Schedules.

There are opportunities for the community to get involved in two new committees regarding:

Attendance Growth and Possible Parcel Tax. The school has 25 new students this year, with 32% of the population as intradistrict transfers (a common practice in all districts).

There is no more room for building, so decisions need to be made about the future.

Much needed After School Childcare is being planned with the YMCA.

**HEALTH CENTER:** The Occidental 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party was a big success, attended by 100 people. The new temporary Russian River Health Center building is open now. (The Emergency Trailers need to be moved as soon as possible.)

And a piece of property was purchased next to Safeway in Guerneville, behind Food for Humans.

Architects Stephanie and Brian have been hired to design the structure.

**COMMUNITY:** Community Notes by Diane Masura.

News about Occidental Water Rates – they have been approved by the State and a contract has been signed with Monte Rio after years of legal wrangling.

The Library is upgrading to a fiber network for internet connection.

Gene Gaffney Insurance bought the building they occupy.

**KOWS:** The amended proposal passed for a 35ft. tower, which will allow 65% of previous coverage. However the neighborhood group is appealing the ruling.

The High School Project is ongoing.

**Next Meeting: Saturday, October 15th, 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center**