



Occidental Community Council Minutes – March 18, 2017

PRESENT: Diane Masura, Carolyn Neiman, Fawn Nekton, Candi Penn, Donald True, and guest Eira Kalich-Heartt from the Palm Drive Healthcare District Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Unanimous.

MEMBERSHIP: Annual Dues collected. Candi & Donald paid.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March 27th thru April 7th - ARK Foundation online bidding begins. <http://www.harmonyark.org>

March 28 – Salmon Creek Watershed Meeting – 6:30pm – Freestone Development Discussion.

April 1 – 1pm – 4pm - Fool's Parade in Occidental with Festivities at OCA.

April 8 – Salmon Creek Harmony ARK Live Auction & Dinner – Fernando's in Bodega.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

March 2017 Balance – \$12,765.73

Carolyn will be making changes to the bank account to facilitate online banking.

There are no free post office boxes for non-profits, Carolyn reported.

The Occidental Choir Scholarship donation (\$750) was given to Diane Masura.

WEBSITE: Traffic Report: 5589 hits.

We will keep the Fool's Parade picture on the website.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Events have been updated on the OCC Calendar.

Received Eco Ring Invoice for Heritage Trail Kiosk - \$1050.

Thank you letter from Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation for \$1500 Donation received.

Received an email from a Sebastopol resident/public school teacher re: petition to Sonoma Board of Supervisors to create an SF ICE Oversight Board to help protect children and families.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mural on Bohemian Market Wall – Kaye Martin and Tanya (7th & 8th grade teacher)

We heard there is a potential grant being written to support a mural creation. Diane is going to speak with the Superintendent at school to clarify work that has already been scheduled.

Mural/Paint on Union Motel /Occidental Rd. Wall – Barbara Gonella is not interested at this time.

It is time for a new OCC brochure. Candi will revise and print. Fawn will get a new picture to use. Suggestions were made and noted.

The Railroad Heritage Kiosk by EcoRing has been approved by the OCSD and Gonella Family.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eira Kalich-Heartt told us that the Palm Drive Healthcare District Board has created a Health Action Network to serve communities. Focus will be to aid seniors and low-income families. Also emergency preparedness. They are partnering with the Graton Fire Dept. for the April 1st event, including First Aid training. We suggested they contact St. Phillips Church to help with the Meals for Seniors and the monthly Food Distribution program. She would like us to give them other ideas.

SCHOOLS:

Salmon Creek Harmony ARK Education Foundation Fundraiser: <http://www.harmonyark.org>

The Council needs a school representative to come to our meetings.

Better community visibility is a goal.

Supt. Rachael Maves is looking into the website and enews problems.

Diane will be meeting with her to discuss these items.

HEALTH CENTER: Where is our EMERGENCY TRAILER???? Candi will research.

COMMUNITY: Diane's Community Notes for March will be posted downtown in the bulletin board.

The Dutch Bill Creek Streamflow Improvement Plan was published by OAEC on March 15th.

It represents 20 years of work. Download at: <http://www.oaec.org>

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER – YMCA:

The Gym Floor fundraising has successfully raised half of the money needed for materials & labor.

The old floor does not need to be removed, saving thousands.

To DONATE: <http://www.occidentalcommunitycenter.org>

There is interest in Art Classes through the SRJC, but only teachers are paid, not venues, so the YMCA is not interested. The OCA Gallery may be interested in hosting these classes.

Cleaning remains a problem, and points to the necessity of a person onsite to handle operations.

KOWS: A New Frequency will begin April 1st - 92.5FM. Rebranding is in process.

The Emergency Alert System is out of date, so requires an upgrade, and will cost \$2000.

Next Meeting: Saturday, April 15, 2017 - 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center