



## Occidental Community Council Minutes, October 21, 2017

**PRESENT:** Gino Gaffney, Kaye Martin, Courtney Meyer, Carolyn Neiman, Candi Penn, Mary Szecsey, and Donald True.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Yes.

**MEMBERSHIP:** No new members.

**Condolences to all the Fire Victims' Families,  
and well wishes to everyone recovering.  
Thanks to all the First Responders and Volunteers.  
Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino STRONG!**

### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

November – County work downtown installing ADA Handicap parking and curb access.

Project description at: [www.sonomacounty.ca.gov/TPW/Roads/Projects/Occidental-ADA-Improvements](http://www.sonomacounty.ca.gov/TPW/Roads/Projects/Occidental-ADA-Improvements)

Friday, Oct. 28 – 12th Annual Harvest Market Festival – Downtown

Friday, Nov. 10 – 5:30pm – Negri's - West County Rising Benefit - Dinner, Dancing, Silent Auction

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:** \$13,534.69

Vendor overage fees have been sent.

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval to remove Sherry Huss from the bank account at West America Bank and add Fawn Nekton, President; Mary Szecsey, Vice President; and Carolyn Neiman, Treasurer.

### **WEBSITE:** Traffic Report: 5463 hits

Diane will send Nadja updates: OCC Minutes, Community Notes, OCSD Minutes, & instructions to feature the Crafts Faire on the Home Page.

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

Events, classes and activities have been updated on the OCC Calendar.

The Scoop from the Russian River Senior Center was received.

Book from Portugal received.

Raffle Donations Received: Two Free Admissions to the Occidental Community Choir and One Year Family Membership to the Occidental Center for the Arts. (\$100 value)

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Holiday Crafts Faire: December 9 & 10, 2017**

Vendors for 37 Spaces have been notified and a Waiting List is maintained by Carolyn, and she will contact Vendors asking about their safety and recovery from the fires.

Gino brought the new HCF Postcards for distribution. He is set to be Vendor Mgr. & Security.

Poster Design approved. Fawn will order 9 lg. + 24 sm. Posters.

Kaye offered the use of the school's poster boards. (No need to make new ones.)

Donald will be installing them by Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Business Donations for Raffle – Fawn is collecting.

Courtney is donating a \$100 Gift Certificate from the Occidental Bohemian Market.

Santa - Courtney has contacted John Springer who has agreed to do it. Sunday from Noon to 4pm.

Banner – Candi will pick up donation from Hapa Designs.

Courtney will donate popcorn, oil, coffee, milk, sugar, etc. for the HCF. And cook a stew.

Kaye will coordinate the Kitchen Service and donations. The Basque Bakery was recommended.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Courtney is researching possible grants to establish an Electric Vehicle Charging Station in town.

### **SCHOOLS:**

A new grant for the Gonnella's Market Mural was submitted by Sue.

Kaye and Tanya are continuing to work on the project with kids at school.

A Harvest Fair was enjoyed by all, including a Haunted House.

Ex-Superintendent Rachel lost her house in the fire.

Resource funds have been used to help kids evacuated from the fires.

“Screenagers” is a movie the school is promoting, especially to the local high schools.

ARK has created and funded some after-school classes held at the YMCA.

Ballet – Mondays, Fencing – Tuesdays, Glass Fusion – Wednesdays, Chess – Thursdays.

**HEALTH CENTER:** Three new staff members were hired a week before the fires.

215 staff have been working with fire victims at the clinics and at the evacuation shelters.

26,000 patients from the closed Fountain Grove Clinic will be seeking care for the next year.

The Emergency Trailer move continues to be on hold. It is being used in the fire aftermath.

**COMMUNITY:** Diane's monthly Community Notes.

Courtney and Gerard ordered a headstone for Ranger Rick's grave.

We need to find an artist to upgrade the Boho Market Mural.

15,000 Donors raised \$8 Million for the Redwood Credit Union Fire Relief Fund!

### **OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER – YMCA:**

Fawn has been in contact with Jeremy and Lizzy regarding moving stuff for the HCF.

Upon her return, she will resume negotiations.

The outdoor Basketball courts are being used after school.

The Event Information Screen has been updated by John Greaves.

**KOWS.fm:** A Fire Benefit is being planned by some members of the KOWS team.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

**Next Meeting: Saturday, November 18, 2017 - 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center**