



Occidental Community Council Minutes – September 16, 2017

PRESENT: Kaye Martin, Diane Masura, Carolyn Neiman, Fawn Nekton, Candi Penn, and Mary Szecsey.
Guest: Dr. Eira I. Klich-Heartt

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Yes.

MEMBERSHIP: No new members.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

September & October – County work downtown installing ADA Handicap parking and curb access.
Project description at: www.sonomacounty.ca.gov/TPW/Roads/Projects/Occidental-ADA-Improvements
Saturday, September 30 – Granfondo Cycling Event – Temporary Road Closures – 8 to 10am
Friday, October 28 – 12th Annual Harvest Market Festival – Downtown.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Balance - \$8,994.49

Budget Expenditures to Date. Vote Approved to move YMCA Gym Floor Donation to New Project category in the Budget, bringing Donation total down to \$1310, and New Projects category up to \$2766.24. Admin/Website: \$973.00. Resource Fund: \$0. Ongoing Projects: \$1800. Crafts Faire: \$0. Total spending for 2017 to date: \$6849.24.

WEBSITE: Traffic Report: 5558 Hits

A new OCC Facebook page will be created by Fawn. It will mainly be the HCF event notice. Diane will send Nadja updates: OCC Minutes, Community Notes, & OCSD Minutes. New photo/text for October: Farmers Market Harvest Festival – Friday, October 28th.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Events, classes and activities have been updated on the OCC Calendar.
(Teacher for afterschool program at the YMCA is now Trudy Espinoza.)
The Scoop from the Russian River Senior Center was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

New OCC Brochure was distributed. It is available downtown on the OCC Bulletin Board.
The Grocery Store Mural grant was denied. However Kaye and Tanya are continuing to work on the project with kids at school and new funding is being sought, by Sue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Eira I. Klich-Heartt from the Palm Drive Health Care District Board spoke about the Gravenstein Health Action Council that has been designed to serve West County as part of the county-wide Strategic Framework. Needs of our town were expressed and documented.

Crafts Faire: December 9 & 10, 2017

Vendor Applications will be Juried today by Carolyn, Fawn, & Diane. 37 Spaces for Artists.

Carolyn – Vendor Manager – Will be communicating the results of this year’s vendor list and talking to those who may be placed on a waiting list.

PR – The Y wants to be listed as “Sonoma County Family YMCA”, and as Co-sponsors.

Candi will add the list of Vendors for this year to the website.

Posters – Fawn will order with Wreath Motif. 4 New double sided Boards are to be made. (Candi)

Raffle Prize Collection Day Of Event – Mary and Shyla Penn. Lists and Signage – Candi.

Business Donations for Raffle – Fawn

Two Free Admissions to the Occidental Community Choir were donated to the Raffle.

A One Year Family Membership to the Occidental Center for the Arts was donated. (\$100 value)

PA System – Bill Penn

Santa - John Springer – Which day? Courtney?

Garlands & Tree – Fawn & James

Decorating: Mark Vendor Spaces on the Floors – Diane, Carolyn, & Mark (electricity)

Hallway – Donald & Mark

Front Lobby/Popcorn Area – Candi

Stage – Fawn, Courtney

Classroom – The YMCA will be contacted regarding Move/Store Afterschool Program Equipment –

Fawn will contact Jeremy and teachers: Liz, Maria, and Trudy to coordinate a meeting to plan.

Food Prep/Service – Kaye – Sat & Sun. – Menu: Soups, Salad, Bread, Drinks.

Students help for community service credit. Coffee Pot – Candi

Breakfast options for Vendors would be great. Raymonds Bakery? Wildflour?

Food Donations – Soups – Candi (2), Fawn, Kaye, 3 Chefs, School Parents.

Coffee, Milk, Sugar, Popcorn, Oil – Courtney

School Bake Sale; Catherine will be coordinating students. Would like it open from 11am to 3pm.

Shopping – Santa candy, drinks, paper plates, bowls, cups, service products – Fawn

Security and Vendor Management Day of – Gino Gaffney

Banner – Candi will pick up donation from Hapa Designs.

Entertainment – Ukulele Group will play on Sunday, the 10th at 1pm for 45 minutes.

The Parking Lot may be an issue, with the County using it as a staging area for the ADA project!

SCHOOLS:

Mural on Occidental Market Wall – The Grocery Store Mural grant was denied.

However Kaye and Tanya are continuing to work on the project with kids at school and new funding is being sought, by Sue.

Rene McBride, Principal, is the temporary Superintendent.

The ARK Welcome Dinner was a big success.

Bus Service is still a problem and solutions are being considered.

Very strong good teachers this year.

\$500 Resource Fund to Kaye Martin APPROVED for students in need.

HEALTH CENTER:

Replenish the Health Center Resource Fund with \$500 APPROVED.

Emergency Trailer in Guerneville – Will be emptied and then available to move to Occidental.

COMMUNITY: Diane's monthly Community Notes.

Recommendation to OCSD to be presented by Diane Masura. There is a need for more trash removal, especially for low income seniors who cannot afford a home based service.

Perhaps the St. Philips Church parking lot would be a good place for a dumpster.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER – YMCA:

Community Center Changeable Sign Project. OCC approved \$500 donation – on hold for now.

An Info Monitor with revolving pages about activities is set up inside the side window by the tables.

OCC approved what is currently on the Info Loop and encourages monthly updates to the Calendar, which John Greaves has already offered to do.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:46am.

Next Meeting: Saturday, October 21, 2017 - 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center