



Occidental Community Council Minutes – April 21, 2018

PRESENT: Sherrylou Carrick, Trudy Espinoza, John Greaves, Clay Inthepottershands, Carolyn Neiman, Fawn Nekton, Candi Penn, Paul Stange, Mary Szecsey and Donald True.
Guest: Maria Culberson, Occidental Community Choir

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Yes.

MEMBERSHIP: New Member - Trudy Espinoza

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April – County work installing ADA Handicap parking and curb access continues.

April 27th – ARK Auction at Union Hotel. 5:30 - 9:30pm Donations: gz.harmony1970@gmail.com

May 7-9 – Sonoma State University Symposium – Promoting Fire Resilient Communities.

Sonoma County Regional Parks offers Summer Camps – Registration Open

Lifeguard, Surf, Kayak, Environmental Science, and Sea Squirts. parks@sonoma-county.org

TREASURER’S REPORT:

April Report presented by Carolyn with Balance: \$13,721.45

State and Federal Taxes filed by Mary.

\$100 Donation for Mural received from Raspberry / Hinterland.

\$50 Donation for Mural received from Hazel’s.

WEBSITE: Diane submitted the Traffic Report: 4431 hits for the month.

Diane will send Nadja updates: OCC Minutes, Community Notes, OCSD Minutes.

Feature for Front Page – Picture of the completed Town Mural on the Bohemian Market Wall.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

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

The OCA menu of events was received and posted.

West County Community Services – Senior Center Newsletter received.

IRS tax letter received for OCC. Mary will file.

Donation for Mural to Gino Gaffney received from Raspberry/Hinterland.

Request to Attend April Meeting to ask for Funds for Occidental Community Choir: Maria Culberson.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mural on Occidental Bohemian Market completed.

Charging Station – Courtney. (Peter is willing to help write a grant or contact donors.)

Ranger Rick Headstone – Presentation on April 21st, 2-3pm at burial site.

The Railroad Kiosk / Eco-Ring reimbursement is in process.

Mural on Gonnella’s Market – School Art Project – no news.

Trash overflow issue / OCSC Meeting – Gino not available. Tabled.

Seeking grants for Craft Faire Advertising is postponed due to County Fire Expenses this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Funds for the Occidental Community Choir: Maria Culberson.

40th anniversary Alumni Bonfire planned for December 7th. Projected Expenses: \$915.

We voted to offer \$500 with a request back to the Sign Crew to put up our Craft Faire Signs. The Tennis Courts have cracks, reported Fawn. She will contact David Dillman re: repairs.

SCHOOLS:

An Assistant Principal is to be hired by the end of May, instead of a Superintendent hire.

We are still searching for a new school representative to join the OCC.

A School Bond will be on the Ballot to provide for Facilities improvements, like the field.

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HEALTH CENTER:

HR Director position is open. 235 Employees.

The new Russian River Health Center Design had a review by the county and is progressing.

COMMUNITY:

Diane's monthly Community Notes will be posted Downtown and on OCC website.

Ocean Song will not have a summer camp, but Stacey may possibly create one at the Pastures.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER – YMCA:

The Easter Egg Hunt was fun and is planned for next year. OCC offered to support.

Partnering with CYO and Alliance camps is an opportunity to share activities and facilities.

Clay reported on details of research re: purchasing a Climbing Wall. A portable variety that could be rented includes a 4-wheel tractor and is 24' high. Used ones are \$9000.

New ones can be as much as \$30,000. Grants may be available, and he will pursue the idea.

KOWS.fm: kows@sonic.net - The fundraiser was a success. Still looking for an Antennae location.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 19, 2018 - 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center