



## Occidental Community Council Minutes - January 20, 2018

**PRESENT:** Gino Gaffney, Diane Masura, Carolyn Neiman, Fawn Nekton, Candi Penn

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Yes.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dues for 2018 may be paid.

John Blair and Aleksandra Takala donated \$100 and will be signed up as Associate Members.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

Lynda Hopkins has given a verbal agreement for the creation of a Sidewalk across from the Fire Dept.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance: \$14,014.44**

Holiday Crafts Faire Report - \$6085.62 Income

2017 Expense Report - \$10,281.72

Proposed Budget for 2018 Passed:

10% Admin/Website, 10% Resource Fund, 15% Donations, 20% On-going Projects,  
25% New Projects, and 20% Crafts Faire

Carolyn is completing the new bank signature card to upgrade the bank account.

**WEBSITE:** Traffic Report: 3309 Hits

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

The Salmon Creek Students Art Show will be featured this month.

Nadja will be paid for 6 months - \$300 – for web management.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

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

The OCA menu of events was received.

The West County Community Services Request for Funds was received. Housing Services:

Winter Shelter in Guerneville is Open from Dec thru March and every night a meal is served.

Park Village, Sebastopol – Will place 8 mobile homes this year.

Russian River Senior Center serves 150 plus drop-in visitors.

YEES – Youth Education and Employment Service program assists at-risk 16-24 yr. old youth.

Behavioral Health & Counseling, Empowerment Center, and Employment Services also.

West County Health Centers Capital Campaign request was received.

Ocean Song Farm & Wilderness Center request for Donations received and has been tabled.

Post Office Box Service Fee is Due: \$62.00 for the year.

Steve Kay of OCCAC sent the invoice for the Community Center Website Domain Renewal. \$15.99.

Sonic monthly bill was paid by Sherry Huss. (\$11.90)

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Signage continues to be an issue.

We could create them without a specific date for reuse – “2nd weekend in December”

Printing more posters was suggested, since large signs are now banned in Sebastopol, and many are stolen from other locations. Another suggestion was to have the Choir put up our large signs when they put theirs up. (Exchange for donation?)

We will also look into the cost of smaller lightweight signs.

Providing pastries for vendors during set up did not happen due to last minute sickness of the Baker, so we would like to get donations to be able to do that next year.

Santa was good. There was a mix-up in communications re: day he would be there, but all went well.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Perhaps there is a county tourism grant that could be used for the Crafts Faire advertising?

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mural on Gonnella’s Market – School Art Project – tabled.

Update of Mural on Occidental Bohemian Market – Search for new artist.

Diane will contact Dave Gordon, painter of the OCA Mural, to see if he is interested.

Charging Station – Research by Courtney tabled.

Ranger Rick Headstone – in process. Tabled.

The Railroad Kiosk / Eco-Ring reimbursement is coming. Two signs are soon to be put up in town.

**SCHOOLS:** The Hobbit is in production for presentation the first two weeks of March.

**HEALTH CENTER:** New building plans are posted on the website, with FAQs:

<http://www.wchealth.org/news/capital-campaign>

**COMMUNITY:** Diane’s monthly Community Notes will be posted Downtown and on our website.

**OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER – YMCA:** A New Video is on the Monitor in the Window.

A letter was sent to community enlisting members and donors for the ongoing work of the OCCAC.

Trudy Espinoza of the After School Program requested a donation to buy a Ping Pong Table, which was approved up to \$150.

**KOWS.fm:** A new site is being considered for the Radio Antenna.

**Next Meeting: Saturday, February 17, 2018 - 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center**