



## Occidental Community Council Minutes – July 21, 2018

**PRESENT:** Trudy Espinoza, Clay Inthepottershands, Kaye Martin, Diane Masura, Carolyn Neiman, Fawn Nekton, Candi Penn, Paul Stange, Mary Szecsey and Donald True.

Guests: Jenny Lynn Hall, Yvette Reynolds

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Yes.

**MEMBERSHIP:** No new members.

### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Aug. 15 - Being Salmon, Being Human – OAEC Performance

OAEC Chautauqua tickets are on sale now for the Sept. 12-15<sup>th</sup> event.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month – OCSD Meeting 7pm – Occidental Community Service District

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month – 7-9pm – KOWS.fm Open Mic

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

July Report presented by Carolyn with Balance: \$11,571.52

The School Resource Fund most probably will need to be sent next month.

Kaye Martin will make sure the teachers know it exists, as school starts August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**WEBSITE:** WebTraffic Report: 6840 hits

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

Feature for Front Page: Evacuation Plan Map from Occidental Fire Dept and Cal Fire.

We are looking for a new person to coordinate the website, as Candi is retiring, and the need for one person to handle it all would be best. Nadja will be paid for July and notified of our intent.

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

RE: Updates on the OCC Calendar. There has been a problem on the website link, so Nadja and Candi are in the process of getting it corrected. Thanks to the OCA for pointing it out.

West County Community Services – Senior Center Newsletter received.

A letter from Preserve Rural Sonoma County was received outlining a January 2018 medical report on ill effects of pesticide use in the county. Children are especially susceptible, and cancer rates are high. To act on this issue: [PreserveRuralSonomaCounty@gmail.com](mailto:PreserveRuralSonomaCounty@gmail.com)

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

The Railroad Kiosk / Eco-Ring reimbursement has been sent. County Paperwork was completed and an OCC invoice was sent to Eco Ring for Kiosk expenses. Part 2 (Signs) is planned.

Trash Overflow Solutions report: Nothing new. OCSD spends \$200 per month.

Adding another trash bin would be an added expense, and would encourage bad behavior.

The Tennis Court repairs report. Fawn spoke with David Dillman of the Tennis Association,

and learned about a resurfacing estimate of \$10-16K. She will get estimates for repair only.

A letter to the County asking for action and funding will be created that several community groups can sign: YMCA (Trudy), OCC, OCSD, and Tennis Association.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Occidental Choir proposal for a Holiday Flyer was presented by Diane Masura.

It would feature dates for the Holiday Crafts Faire and Choir Concerts, with Restaurants and Inns listed for visitors to enjoy. A map of the area would be featured on the back.

Printing 5000 is estimated to be about \$300.

OCC Voted to participate with donation of \$50 to \$100, depending on number of sponsors.

Clay and the RRC – Rural Rainbow Coalition – brought up the issue of housing and one business owner's attitude toward visitors and people wanting to remain in the area and participate.

A family with four kids whose parent works in Occidental is not able to find a place to live.

Clay is looking for a place to park his mobile home (van). clayintthepottershands@

## **HOLIDAY CRAFTS FAIRE: December 8 & 9, 2018 – occcraft@sonic.net**

Carolyn Neiman is the Vendor Manager and has begun answering Crafts Faire inquiries.

Applications are available from July 21<sup>st</sup> and are due Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Jury is held Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Information and Applications are available online at: <http://www.occidental-ca.org>

Discussion of signs needed, and other changes and assignments will begin next month.

**SCHOOLS:** The new Vice Principal will get to work on August 15<sup>th</sup> as school resumes.

There is still an opening for the Garden Teacher.

## **HEALTH CENTER:**

The Emergency Trailer will be moved to the Community Center by Paul & Jane Barry.

## **COMMUNITY:**

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

OCSD – Minutes are posted on the OCC website.

Occidental's Evacuation Plan Map from the Occidental Fire Dept and Cal Fire will be posted

Downtown, along with the June Fire Run Report on the OCC Bulletin Board.

A need for more and ongoing CERT Training was expressed by Fawn. The Fire Dept. is interested in providing education to the community, so perhaps they will offer classes and events.

The Two Sidewalks plan is complete and work is set to begin this month, reported Diane.

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

More work has been done on the garden boxes, and will continue. Perhaps getting some starts from the school garden will work.

Gym Floor fundraiser is being planned for Sept/Oct at the Union, by Trudy.

After school care begins on Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday open gym will resume.

If scholarships are needed, please bring it to the attention of the OCC. We are prepared to help.

## **KOWS.fm: [kows@sonic.net](mailto:kows@sonic.net)**

A tech analysis of a new antennae site is being conducted.

The Meeting was Adjourned at 11:40am.

**Next Meeting: Saturday, August 18, 2018 - 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center**