



Occidental Community Council Minutes – May 19, 2018

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

Guest: Maria Culberson, Occidental Community Choir

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: YES.

MEMBERSHIP: No new members.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

May 27th Camp Meeker Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.

May 31st Young Writers' Showcase – 6pm. School Library. Public Invited.

June 1st – Occidental Bohemian Farmers Market opens. Every Friday 4pm to Dusk thru October.

June 5th - School Out

3rd Thursdays each month – 7-9pm – KOWS.fm Open Mike

July 15th -12 to 6pm – 62nd Annual Fire Dept. BBQ

TREASURER'S REPORT:

May Report presented by Carolyn with Balance: \$13,320.45

We voted to approve reimbursement for Dog Bags to Fawn for \$48.93.

WEBSITE: WebTraffic Report: 4490 hits

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

Feature for Front Page - Occidental Bohemian Farmers Market – Candi will request pic from Kim.

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.

Crafts Faire inquiries have begun. Applications go out July 21st and are due Sept. 21st.

OLD BUSINESS:

Funds for Occidental Community Choir (\$500 pre-approved): Maria Culberson has confirmed the

Choir Sign Committee will put up/take down our Holiday Faire signs in exchange for donation.

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

The Railroad Kiosk / Eco-Ring reimbursement is in process. Fawn will call county for update.

Mural on Gonnella's Market – School Art Project – postponed til next year and funding granted.

Trash Overflow – Discussion of solutions. We all know the problems!

Clay volunteered to get a Cleanup Team together and talk to local restaurants about donating food to the crew as partial payment. They could wear vests that signify their good works.

Incorporating kids into the program would be beneficial as a Community Service project.

Sponsorship by the Bike clubs would be a good way for them to build support.

Clay will contact the county about placing a dumpster on the Community Center property and

find out how much a trash/recycling service would cost. The importance of clearly marking recycling materials was highlighted with the suggestion to get graphic posters to attach to the dumpster.

Caveat: "Build it and they will come."

NEW BUSINESS:

The Tennis Courts have cracks, reported Fawn. She will contact David Dillman re: repairs.
We voted to post the Fire Chief's Monthly Reports online and on the OCC Bulletin Board.
The Watershed Board plexiglass needs replacement. Clay and Diane will look into replacement.
Clay expressed interest from the community to create a Maker Space in Occidental.

SCHOOLS:

School notice requesting representative to OCC was posted in the HUSD Newsletter. No response.
A School Bond – Measure C is on the Ballot to provide for Facilities improvements.
The Garden Teacher Position is Open for next year. Kaylan is resigning after the summer session.
May 31 – Young Writers' Showcase – 6pm. School Library. Public Invited.

We voted to donate \$700 to this yearly project at HUSD.

A new Vice Principal was hired. She was the 3/4th grade teacher in Monte Rio.

HEALTH CENTER: The Emergency Trailer is being moved to the Community Center!

COMMUNITY:

Diane's monthly Community Notes will be posted Downtown and on OCC website.
Chris Martin announced at the OCSD meeting that a Chamber of Commerce would be formed.
The OCA Lobby is being built now.
There was an online Webinar by EDA re: Sonoma County Resilience and Disaster
Supplemental Funding for non-profits. Clay is going to find a replay and get information.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER – YMCA:

Open Gym continues after school on Fridays and will continue during the summer, including
Ping Pong and other activities.

A 4th of July Run/Water Fest is being planned as a fundraiser.

Gardening in the planter boxes continues with Trudy and the kids.

KOWS.fm: kows@sonic.net

The 11th Anniversary Open Mic Night was a big success.

So now Open Mic night will happen on the 3rd Thursday of each month – 7-9pm – KOWS.fm

A tree limb temporarily knocked out the antenna of the station, and has been repaired.

The Meeting was adjourned at noon.

Next Meeting: Saturday, June 16, 2018 - 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center