



Occidental Community Council Minutes – Oct. 20, 2018

PRESENT: Trudy Espinoza, Clay Inthepottershands, Candi Penn, Yvette Reynolds, Paul Stange, Mary Szecsey and Donald True.

Guests: Chase Tisdale and son Liam, Carolyn Sell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Yes.

MEMBERSHIP: No new members

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Oct. 24th 3pm: Occidental Business Group – Howard’s Station

Oct. 27th 11am – 4pm: HUSD Boo Fest – Food, games, rides, crafts, music.

Nov 3rd 5:30 - 8:30pm: Bodega Land Trust Dinner & Auction – McCaughey Hall, Bodega

TREASURER’S REPORT:

October Report by Carolyn with Balance: \$18,200.60

WEBSITE:

WebTraffic Monthly Report: 6763 hits

Feature for Front Page: HCF

Search continues for a new person to coordinate the website. Website platform for prospects?

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

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

The OCC Calendar has been updated. OCA events received and posted. School events too.

West County Community Services – Senior Center Newsletter received.

Fire Safety Council being formed. Carolyn Sell – Harrison Grade Road.

Joy Road Neighborhood Safety Meeting Minutes sent by Carl Wahl.

OLD BUSINESS:

Paint the Community Center: Trudy spoke with Jeremy Hodgdon, (YMCA) and he will present a plan to the County with stipulation that the OCC will pay for paint (tan) and labor.

Coy Brown Painting will be contacted to get a bid, hopefully with a community discount.

We will also ask if he has design suggestions (colors). Expected completion by Dec. 8.

Trash Problem: Paul, Clay and Chase have ideas re: Tools and storage shed purchase.

Clay will gather info and Paul agreed to pay for it and be reimbursed by the OCC.

VOTE: Unanimous Yes.

Public Bathroom: Discussion of building a wooden structure to house a tank that would be serviced by Honey Bucket. Costs to be gathered for next meeting by Clay.

Chase suggests putting it in the space between the post office and Father Fergal’s house, where the trash shed would also be located. He will come back with approval for this.

Farmer’s Market Porta-Potty has remained unlocked as recently requested by Clay, with promise to repay the \$68 Honey Bucket extra pump. Approved by OCC previously.

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

Carolyn Neiman, the Vendor Manager – All booths filled. Waiting list additions & vendors contacted.
Signs: 10 corrugated plastic yard signs with metal stands. VOTE: Approved.

Number of plywood signs: 11 total.

Regular Large & Medium Printed Signs and Posters will be ordered from Jenny Mountjoy.

Distribution by Kelly McCool – 1st few days of November

Publicity: Advertising in Gazette VOTE: YES. 9.6" square – 3 times (Nov, Dec, + Shop Guide)

Postcards ready and available.

Chase suggested Direct Mailing via USPS.com

(\$.15 each – 1420 customers in Occidental – boxes and addresses)

Websites (sonomacounty.com, whofish.org, harmonyconnects.com) and 10 radio stations.

Flyer Ad with Choir Concert to be distributed. Sing-a-long at St. Philip's has been added.

Food - Kaye & Kids. Soups to be Donated. Salmon Creek School Bake Sale.

Menu: Soups, Salad, Bread, and Drinks (coffee, tea, sodas, water).

Security and Vendor Host – Gino.

Popcorn Table - Occidental Choir Saturday, & Students both days.

Decorating: Thursday, December 6th at 4pm.

Mark Wiley is confirmed to help decorate and do the electrical set up.

Floor Marking for Vendors: Carolyn and Diane.

Christmas Tree and Garlands: Fawn

Music and PA System – Candi and Bill.

West County Ukulele Group – Sunday at 1pm.

Raffle: Fawn to gather prizes from businesses. Candi will print Raffle Prize labels and lists.

Mary and Shyla will gather donations from Vendors and organize the Raffle Tables.

Moving YMCA After School Stuff from Upstairs Room – Trudy.

Santa: John. Better communication needed. Courtney and Fawn will coordinate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Safety Council.

Paul and Carolyn are active in coordinating with Cal Fire and the Occidental Fire Department.

40 people have attended meetings for the Harrison Grade Neighborhood.

Candi passed on the OEP info: Red Cross Shelters, CERT trainings, Map Your Neighborhoods.

CA state funds are available for Tree Pruning and Fuel Reduction via grants.

SCHOOLS: Halloween Boo Fest – October 27th 11am - 4pm

OCCIDENTAL HEALTH CENTER: Flu shots are available on Monday evenings.

COMMUNITY:

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

KOWS.fm: kows@sonic.net

Needed: Studio Space for the radio station. 300 sq. ft. with access off Hwy 116 –

Graton or Sebastopol preferred....deadline to be out of Church rooms January 31st.

Adjourned: 11:30am

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