

Occidental Community Council Minutes – April 20th, 2019

PRESENT: Gino, Kaye, Mary, Carolyn, Paul, Diane, Donald, John, Trudy, Fawn

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were approved unanimously

MEMBERSHIP: Membership dues have been paid by: Trudy, Gino, John, Diane, Caroly, Fawn, Candi, and Paul. Mary and Don will pay today.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$16,331.01 - NOTE THAT CAROLYN RESIGNED AS TREASURER. A NEW TREASURER WILL NEED TO BE APPOINTED.

WEBSITE: John reported and we discussed the website updates. Currently the calendar is very crowded. Should we have two calendars? We'll try having one for the community center sports, classes, activities and one that has all the other "occidental" events. Diane said the OCA would love for us to post all their stuff, but that's way too much.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: WCSS Newsletter, IRS Letter about our Tax Return.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY UPDATES:

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

BCBA: Next Meeting is 4-24 at 3:00 at OCA with SC Tourism guy's presentation

Farmers Market: Fawn gave a brief update about their current progress and engagement with the downtown businesses to solicit input and support. Fawn will send logo to John.

Fire Dept. & Fire Safe Orgs: Next Community Event is May 19th - at the Harmony School 3-5 . The Fire Dept may be developing a website.

Schools: Ark Auction is May 19th 3-7 At CYO. Kaye is working on a placed based learning committee. Thersea the VP is taking on the Young Writers Showcase. Rene (the Sup/Princial) resigned and they are starting a search for a new one. There's a School Garden plant sale on Thursday the 23rd at the school which is open to the public.

They've built an outdoor pizza oven in the garden.

Health Center: Flood recovery fund has helped a lot of people with a wide range of things such as gas, clothing, food, a bed, hiring help with clean up efforts. Has received about \$15K in donations to this fund.

The Y & OCCAC: Diane's request to SC Foundation . Dates for the floor still not known but on track. We discussed Trudy's request for an outside water fountain and agreed that a water bottle fill station would be preferable to a drinking fountain. We could buy the kids water bottles! Trudy will bring to Jeremy. Fawn and Paul will discuss the exterior public bathroom with OCSD and with Lynda Hopkins at the BCBA meeting on May 15th.

KOWS: Has some new programs. Will have a "barn raising" fundraiser on May 27. Ck for more details.

OCChoir: Occidental Community Choir Presents* 40 Years of 'Music from Home'!

Friday, May 3rd at 8 pm \$10 'Community First Night'

Saturdays May 4th & 11th at 8 pm

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Sunday, May 5th at 3 pm

Other: May 4th Human Race.

OLD BUSINESS: Fawn discussed the Heritage Trail signs and wanting to close that project out.

Internet at the Y: Was discussed and agreed that this should also be brought up to the OCSD. Paul and John will explore options.

Young writers showcase: We wrote a check and gave it to Kaye for our “ongoing project” of providing funds for the prizes for the School’s YWS. The Vice Principal has taken on this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Landscaping was also discussed and agreed to see what’s in the OCSD budget for this. Fawn will reach out to Melissa Freeman and request info. If we need to get on their agenda for a broader discussion about town needs that may need to wait until their June meeting. Fawn to research.

Furnishing for the Y: It was moved by Gino and Seconded by Fawn to approve up to \$200 for “new” furniture for the Y’s lobby since the chairs are getting pretty ratty. Trudy will check at Crossing the Jordan. She’ll keep the current stuff since the kids will still use them.

Bulletin Boards: We discussed the bulletin boards in town and Fawn said that she’d check with Courtney about setting it up so that there’s a wanted and offered section.

Bike Racks: Will also check with her about the Bike Rack ideas.

Final Note: Carolyn announced that for personal reasons she needs to resign as the Treasurer of the OCC. We thanked her for the incredible job she’s done and she assured us she wants to stay involved. She will go to the bank and have herself removed as a signer on account and will drop off the banking stuff to Fawn. She’ll add the banking info to the thumb drive that Candi put other OCC info on to.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS FAIRE:

Reminder that we’ve decided to move it to the first weekend of Dec for 2019.

Bad News: Carolyn is resigning as Treasurer and can’t do the vendor coordination this coming year.

Good News: Gino volunteered to be the Crafts Faire vendor coordinator this year. Since he’s been doing the vendor check in and crafts fair security he has relationships with many of the vendors and felt this would be a good fit. He doesn’t want to take on the Treasurer role at this point.

Carolyn also reminded us that we need to have the website vendor app tested and working before we start telling vendors it time to submit apps.

Next Meeting: Saturday May 18th, 2019 - 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center