



Occidental Community Council Minutes – February 16th, 2019

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of January 19, 2019 meeting approved.

MEMBERSHIP: Please pay your dues.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: This is Black History Month and OCA has a special exhibit that ends on 2/24. On Feb. 23rd there will be a Gospel Choir and food provided by Saucy Mama. 11 am – 1pm.

Traditional Fire Management presentation at Salmon Creek School on 2/23 from 2 – 3:30 pm.
Fire Safe Occidental meeting is on Feb. 24th at CYO at 5:30 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Current balance is \$16,911. Carolyn shared the new budget and past year comparison reports.

WEBSITE: There were 5,115 hits on the website last month. The new webmaster has not been available and nothing new was posted. John will discuss the current arrangement with Candi and then connect with Nadja to learn more about how the site is structured so that perhaps he could manage it for us. The group would like to review the purpose of the website, how it is used (community network, tourism, etc.) and how it is managed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

No update on painting the Community Center.

Public Toilet: This is a subject that the Bohemian Corridor group is seriously interested in resolving. The Community Center is owned by the County and leased by the YMCA. The County is responsible for building repairs but the YMCA pays for all normal operating costs. We proposed having Jeremie come to a meet to review the budget and discuss whether there would be any way for the YMCA to make the bathrooms available to the public.

Water Fountain: There is no public water fountain. We could discuss this with Jeremie as well and see whether they would be able to install a fountain outside. The costs would need to be subsidized. Gino will contact OCSD about whether they would be responsible for a fountain in town.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trudy and the Y will be doing an Easter Egg Hunt on April 20th. She thought about having a crafts faire and the group thought she would need more time to plan this. A suggestion was made to have a Summer Crafts Faire to benefit the Y.

Bike Rack at Boho Market: The business group may be interested in supporting this. Diane will ask at their meeting next week.

Diane proposed that we explore an “employment hub” for people in town who need work. The simplest solution would be to ask Bohemian Market if we could create an Employment section of the bulletin board outside the store. Kaye will ask if this could be an option.

Meeting date and time: It’s been suggested that we consider changing our meeting date and time so more merchants are able to attend. Maybe we should rotate? Or make it earlier on Saturday so it’s before shops open. No resolution.

SCHOOLS:

Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory is the Spring School Play in March.
Fawn will forward the Principals report when received.
Kaye is managing the Resource Fund for the school.

COMMUNITY: Diane’s monthly Community Notes will be posted Downtown and on OCC website. Occidental Merchants Group developed an Organization: Bohemian-Corridor to work on Marketing/Tourism, Infrastructure, and Communication. Carol Schmitt and Fawn are members. Their next meeting is Wednesday, 2/27 at 4 pm.

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Next Meeting: Saturday, March 16th 2019 - 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center