



## **Occidental Community Council Minutes for January 19, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Naomi Curtis, Sherry Huss, Miekie Kahl, Kaye Martin, Jennifer Nichols, Mary Szecsey, and Everett Traverso President Szecsey called the meeting to order at 10:30am. Guests attending: Bruce Alfano, Jeremy Raikes and Holly Gustafson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the December 2007 monthly meeting were reviewed and approved.

**MEMBERSHIP:** New members are always welcome, and annual dues for membership are being collected now. Elected officers will remain in their positions for the 2008 year:

Mary Szecsey – President  
Jennifer Nichols – Vice President  
Dominique Soileau - Treasurer  
Fawn Nekton – Corresponding Secretary  
Sherry Huss – Recording Secretary

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No updates.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Submitted by Dominique. A proposed 2008 Occidental Community Council Operating Budget was proposed and approved (see below for details).

**CRAFTS FAIRE:** The OCC did a post event review in December and notes are on file. Net/net – it was a great event and we thank the community for their support and continued participation.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** No updates.

**RESOURCE COMMITTEE:** The Health Center and School have been contacted and funds restored (per our December 2007 meeting).

**PR & CORRESPONDENCE:** No updates.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1). Special guests (Bruce Alfano (Director of West County Community Services), Jeremy Raikes and Holly Gustafson) came and updated the OCC on the **Senior Lunch Program** in Occidental:

- Program started 30 years ago and is supported by the Council on Aging
- Program cuts have been announced and Occidental is in the last 6 months of the Council on Aging supported program (Forestville and Occidental will have their funding cut in July)
- Occidental will be doing their own fund raising and will be managing the program. They do need support from the Occidental Community Council to get the program kick started and launched.
- Naomi Curtis also addressed the Occidental Community Council on the importance of the program and requested support from the OCC,
- A motion was made and approved to pledge \$ 2,000 to this program in 2008
- A motion was made and approved to continue our support for this program in subsequent years.
- The group is getting prepared for a February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Area Agency on Aging and would like to have an understanding of our support in advance of that meeting. Mary Szecsey will update Bruce Alfano on our decision

2). **Occidental Community Council Web Site-**

- Per our plan, it is time to review and evaluate our efforts around the Occidental Community Council Website Initiative spearheaded by Everett Traverso.
  - The OCC is very happy with the web site and thank Everett for all of his hard work in getting the site launched
  - We have approved an annual operating budget of \$1,000 to cover all costs associate with keeping the we site registered, hosted and supported throughout the year
  - We also need to continue to raise awareness to the website and encourage submissions from the community

3). Request to Support **KOWS107.3** – Occidental’s new radio station

- Phil Tyon of OAEC submitted a proposal for financial assistance supporting the launch of KOWS specifically around software needed to run a small radio station.
- A motion was made and approved to provide KOWS with \$500 to help them with their startup costs.

**SCHOOLS:** The second weekend of the Salmon Creek School Play “Father Knows Best” is happening again this weekend. It has been wildly successful and the students have been performing to a sold out audience. Congratulations to the students, teachers and parents involved in putting on this program.

**THE “Y”:** No updates.

**HEALTH CENTER:** Everything is running fine at the Health Center and the Resource fund is getting used.

**COMMUNITY:** a). A special thank you to Howards Station who donated a percentage of sales from the December Community Dinner – we appreciate the support b).The Amgen Race will be coming through Occidental on 2/18

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 pm.**

Next meeting is Saturday, March 15th at 10:30am at the Occidental Community Center.