



Occidental Community Council Minutes for April 17, 2008

PRESENT: Sherry Huss, Jennifer Nichols, Dominique Soileau, Mary Szecsey and Everett Traverso. President Szecsey called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the March 2008 monthly meeting were reviewed and approved.

MEMBERSHIP: No updates.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: Harmony ARK Annual Fundraising Auction is Scheduled for May 10th - time and location to be sent to Everett for the Occidental Community Council website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: a). Submitted by Dominique (see below).
b). A special thanks to local Gerard Nebesky who raised \$320 for the Occidental Community Council by selling his famous Paella as part of Occidental's activities to support the February Amgen Bicycle Race that comes through Occidental. The Council appreciates the support. c). Year to date budget reviewed and it was recommended that the Web Site expenses be part of the On-Going Projects budget category.

Web Site: Will be adding this category to the agenda. Please note that local photographs are needed. Please send photos to Everett at traverso@sonic.net

Other web site discussion topics – how to enhance the content (and ultimately the usefulness of the web site):

- School Information – Fawn?
- Radio Station – programs and updates (Everett)
- Farmers Market (Sherry)
- Young Writers Showcase – possibly posting past years winners (Sherry)
- Occidental Fools Parade – pictures (Sherry)
- Crafts Faire Planning – (all)

CRAFTS FAIRE: Crafts Faire planning to be addressed during the May meeting. Key activities and timeline are:

1. Gathering names of interested parties to work and participate in the annual event – ongoing
2. Application Process
 - a. Applications to go out (via the website, email and through local distribution) – August 1st, 2008
 - b. Applications due – August 29th, 2008
 - c. Acceptance Notification – September 19th
3. Revised Artwork/Graphics for Crafts Faire (check with Fawn)
 - a. Finalized artwork – ASAP
 - b. Have web banners and printed postcards ready by September 1st (these can be distributed with the acceptance notifications on 9/19)
4. Other
 - a. Better coordination with Occidental Groups – all
 - b. Occidental Center for the Arts – Candace – Sherry to contact
 - c. Phone line (discontinue the phone line? Little usage, high monthly cost – can the website be our information source (postings and email addresses)?

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: A thank you was received Harmony ARK. Tickets to be sent to the Occidental Community Council – Jennifer and Dominique to coordinate.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: The Health Center has had recent activity against the Resource Fund and the fund is now gone. Requests have ranged from using the fund to purchase medicine, to helping with critical utilities and transportation to the Health Center, etc. A motion was made and approved to replenish the fund to the \$500 level.

PR & CORRESPONDENCE: No updates.

NEW BUSINESS: Senior Health Lunch program

SCHOOLS: No updates.

THE "Y": No updates.

HEALTH CENTER: Everything is going well and no major updates.

COMMUNITY: Occidental Farmers Market starts June 6th – 4pm – dusk.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm.

Next meeting is Saturday, June 21st at 10:30am at the Occidental Community Center.