



Occidental Community Council Minutes for May 17, 2008

PRESENT: John Barbour, Shawn Connally, Becky Ennis, Sherry Huss, Miekie Kahl, Kaye Martin, Jennifer Nichols, Susan O'Rourke, Mary Szecsey and Everett Traverso. President Szecsey called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

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

GUESTS: Shawn Connally, Event Chair of The Occidental Young Writers Showcase at Salmon Creek School presented an updated program and request for funding for the Annual Occidental Your Writers Showcase, 2008. This is the 10th year of the program, and the organizing committee at Salmon Creek has revised the program to encourage more levels of participation and suggest appropriate monetary awards for each level. The proposed revised program-funding request is:

First place for 3 story levels:	\$ 50 each	\$150.00
First place for 3 poetry levels:	\$ 50 each	\$150.00
Second place for 3 story levels:	\$ 20 each	\$ 60.00
Second place for 3 poetry levels:	\$ 20 each	\$ 60.00
Third place 3 story levels:	\$ 10 each	\$ 30.00
Third place 3 story levels:	\$ 10 each	\$ 30.00
Funding for possible ties in 2 nd place		\$ 80.00
Funding for possible ties in 3 rd place		\$ 40.00

TOTAL Request - \$ 600.00

Note: money not used for ties will be applied towards refreshments (although historically there have always been ties). And, if money isn't used it will be applied to next year.

A motion was made and approved to support the revised Young Writers Showcase Program and support the request for funding \$600.

In addition, Shawn briefed the Council on the upcoming Fairy Festival at Salmon Creek School and requested \$250 in funding so that all of the children at Salmon Creek School could participate. A motion was made and approved to support the program request for funding of \$250.

MEMBERSHIP: No updates.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: No updates.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Submitted by Dominique (see below).

Web Site: Local photographs are still needed, please send photos to Everett at traverso@sonic.net

Susan O'Rourke will work with Everett and help provide content for the website.

CRAFTS FAIRE: a). Fawn has taken the banner in for repairs, b). The phone line will be cancelled and we will use the web site as our primary communication mode, c). John and Susan will be Santa and Mrs. Klaus this year, d). We will work to better coordinate our efforts with the OCFD this year and John will talk to them at the monthly OCFD meeting (3rd Tuesday at 7pm), e). Other items discussed – food, decorations and signs.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: a). A thank you and update note was received from Salmon Creek School for the Resource Fund allocation (\$200 was given Aug 2007 and \$500 given Jan 2008 – there is \$510 left in the fund) – the monies spent were outlined, b). Other thank you notes were received from – River to Coast Children's Services, Redwood Arts Council and Occidental Senior Center.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: No updates.

PR & CORRESPONDENCE: No updates.

NEW BUSINESS: No updates.

SCHOOLS: a). The Harmony Ark Annual Auction was successful and grossed \$60,000, b). The last Renaissance Friday is coming up and the community is encouraged to get involved – these will be scheduled with more frequency next year and be promoted to encourage community involvement, c). Open House at the school is coming up – on 5/22 and 5/29 from 6-8pm, d). Graduation is June 11th at 5pm, e). Mary to get Everett an electronic drawing of the new building to post on our website

THE "Y": a). Building clean up continues and much progress is being made – landscaping, internal improvements (the curtain on the stage will be replaced), and more, b). Summer Camp starts June 23rd and runs through August 16th, c). Art and Soul will be putting on an Arts and Dance Camp the week of June 11th from 9am-3:30, d). A Model Train Group will be renting the building the first week of June, e). The idea of a Community Garden was raised to see if there is any interest from the community.

HEALTH CENTER: Everything is going well and in addition to getting geared up for the summer schedule, implementation of electronic health records continues.

COMMUNITY: Remember to support the weekly Occidental Farmers Market on Friday afternoons - 4pm – dusk – starting June 6th and running through October 31st.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm.

Next meeting is Saturday, July 19th at 10:30am at the Occidental Community Center.