



Occidental Community Council Minutes for February 21, 2009

PRESENT: Becky Ennis, Sherry Huss, Diane Masura, David Miller, Jennifer Nichols, Susan O'Rourke, Kaye Martin, Dominique Soileau and Mary Szecsey. President Jennifer Szecsey called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were reviewed and approved

ELECTION OF OFFICERS and 2009 HOUSEKEEPING (Budgets): Reviewed the current slate of OCC Officers and they will remain in their current positions for 2009: Mary Szecsey – President; Jennifer Nichols – Vice President; Dominique Soileau – Treasure; and Sherry Huss – Secretary.

The 2009 Budget was established and approved.

MEMBERSHIP: Special thanks to all Active and Associate OCC members for renewing your membership. And, we welcome new member, Diane Masura who will be joining the Occidental Community Council.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ribbon cutting ceremonies fo the Salmon Creek Falls Environmental Center will take place on April 4th, 2009.

TREASURER'S REPORT: a). Submitted by Dominique

Web Site: 1). Calendar postings and local activities can be emailed to: occweb@sonic.net ; 2). Susan O'Rourke will now handle web site updates.

CRAFTS FAIRE: No updates

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: We've received correspondence and donation requests from the 1). West County Community Services Senior Resource Center; 2). Sebastopol Senior Center; and 3). Harmony ARK Auction Committee – for the May 2nd, 2009 Auction. A motion was made and approved to support the Harmony ARK Auction Committee – and a donation of \$100 was granted. All other donation requests were not approved.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: Jennifer Nichols brought the Resource Committee Forms to the meeting and shared them with the group. No resource requests have been submitted.

PR & CORRESPONDENCE: No updates.

NEW BUSINESS: No updates.

SCHOOLS: 1). The 7th & 8th Grade Yosemite trip took place in February, and 3 students did not have the funds required for the trip. A request was made to the OCC to help out with the funding of these student trips. The cost of a trip per student was \$500. A motion was made and approved to provide \$150 per student in funding, or \$450 total for the class trip. It was suggested that in the future, we would like to work with the school and the students in advance of the program and provide opportunities for the kids to get involved year round with the OCC. Dave Miller and Kaye Martin are going to work towards providing some options and put a plan in place for more student involvement (community service) with the OCC. 2). The Salmon Creek Falls Environmental Center opened on 1/5/2009. Lunches are being served in the Center, and there is a recycling program that is being put in place. And, on 2/6 a story telling event and potluck dinner took place in the new building. 3). The CYO Camp Board is planning on expanding the camp and will be reaching out to the community. Dave is talking to the CYO group to see about getting a representative to become a member of OCC. 4). There will be a special fundraising event held at Marimar Torres Vineyards on 3/21.

THE "Y: a). After School Care is going fine – it runs from 2:19pm – 3:19pm at the school - there are 47 students enrolled, and an average of about 30 participate regularly in the program. After the bus comes, about 10-12 students are there until their parents pick them up. There are 2 staff that run this program and they will be hiring for a 3rd position; b). A Parents Night Out fundraiser is planned for 3/20 – and will be open to everyone in the community; c). The Y Annual Fundraising program is now on – anyone wishing to get involved or donate, please contact the Occidental Y; d). Jazz Classes will be starting in March; and e).

The Occidental Summer Day Camp program has been announced:

Located at the Occidental Community Center, the Occidental YMCA Extension's summer day camp offers all the fun and excitement of our traditional day camps. Days are packed with games, activities, special guest speakers, swimming, field trips, and more!

Dates : June 23 - August 15

Times : 7:30am - 6:00pm

SESSIONS

Session 1: June 23 - July 3 "Space Odyssey"

Session 2: July 7 - 18 "Decades"

Session 3: July 21 - August 1 "Island Adventures"

Session 4: August 4 - 15 "Super Heros"

For more information, or to register, please call 707.874.2242 or visit us at 3920 Bohemian Highway.

HEALTH CENTER: The Health Center is working with the County Health Action Council and will be introducing a program called iWalk. This is a walking initiative to get people

out and walk with a focus on wellness. An Occidental walking group will be started and 5/15 is the official kickoff of this initiative.

COMMUNITY: Diane Masura announced that Sarah Fowler will become the new Director for the Occidental Community Choir.

Meeting was adjourned at noon.

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