



## **Occidental Community Council Minutes May 15, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Rebecca Aff, Candi Penn, Mary Szcsey, and Jen Nichols. Guests: David Benefiel (StOCC) and Felicity Hand (YMCA).

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership renewals have been coming in.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** iWalk Sonoma in Occidental today.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer absent. Report to be added.  
Dominique is resigning and is preparing the books for the next treasurer.

**Candi nominated Rebecca Aff for Treasurer. Jen seconded. Vote: confirmed appointment.**

**WEBSITE: a).** Candi Penn set up a Google Calendar for local groups and organizations to post their upcoming events. It will be included on the OCC website soon. **b).** Please send Candi any information that you would like highlighted or shared on the OCC website. Candi can be reached at: candispenn@comcast.net

**CRAFTS FAIRE:** Timelines, application process and committee structure was discussed. The 25<sup>th</sup> Occidental Community Council Holiday Crafts Faire – December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Jen will chair the **Vendor Selection Committee** which will include Dominique. Applications are due by September, and decisions are made based on locality, unusual and interesting items, with a mix and balance of products chosen, including things kids can afford to buy. **Publicity** includes two jobs. Sherry will take care of press releases, e-calendar notices, radio psa's, and other media. Signage responsibility includes creating a poster, printing and putting up boards around west county. Fawn has done this in the past and we will ask her if she and James are interested in doing it this year. The **Raffle** is comprised of donations from vendors and local businesses. Candi and Jen will take care of this. The **Bake Sale** will be handled by the school kids/parents and they get the proceeds. **Decorations** are done two nights before the event with everyone's help. **Music** is through a sound system, which Candi & Bill will provide. If you have any new holiday cd's, let us know. The Occidental Community Choir may come caroling again. **Security** is hired out. **Food** service is overseen by Kaye Martin and we would like to invite the CERES Project again. **Vendor Coordination** for set up and during the event will be Rebecca's responsibility, and probably with the help of Mark Wiley.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** no updates

**RESOURCE COMMITTEE:** no updates.

**PR & CORRESPONDENCE:** Membership renewals have come in.

**NEW BUSINESS: a).** David Benefiel from STOCC (Save The Occidental Community Center) made a report and several requests. Utilization of the building is up 600% from last year. County Supervisors recently voted to keep the Occidental Community Center open, and Felicity Hand from the YMCA says they are happy with the increased revenues from classes and rental, so they will renew the contract. STOCC would like to be considered a “standing committee” of OCC. The members present agreed that we would continue to act as a fiscal agent and be their sponsor until their charge to keep the community center open is completed. We are not in a position to take on responsibility for STOCC activities. The group does not want to obtain its own non-profit status because they do not intend to operate programs. (<http://www.occidentalcommunitycenter.net>) They want the County to continue to manage the building and the Y to continue to manage the programs. With regards to funding, STOCC is looking into getting a parcel tax on the ballot and they would like OCC to sponsor this request. The members present felt that we needed more information and some legal advice on this proposal before we could agree to be a sponsor.

**SCHOOLS:** no updates

**THE “Y”:** Lots more activity at the Y and the budget is balanced!

**HEALTH CENTER:** no updates

**OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP): a). CERT Classes** will be offered at the Occidental Fire House on Mon. & Wed. evenings, June 7<sup>th</sup> thru 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm (7 classes). Fee is \$50. Checks can be written to the OCC. **b). Red Cross training for Adult CPR/First Aid** will take place in Occidental on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-4pm. To sign up for these classes call or email: 707 874 3784 [oe2010@comcast.net](mailto:oe2010@comcast.net). For more information go to: <http://www.occidental-ca.org/pages/oe2010.html> **c).** Previously planned mailing is not happening due to high costs. Signs posted locally, internet & press event calendars, and organizations’ email lists are being utilized to spread the word.

**COMMUNITY:** no updates

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, June 19, 2010, 10:30 am