



## **Occidental Community Council Minutes for April 18, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Becky Ennis, Sherry Huss, Kaye Martin, Fawn Nekton, Jennifer Nichols, Susan O'Rourke, Candi Penn, Dominique Soileau, Mary Szecsey and Jim Willford. President Mary Szecsey called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

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

**MEMBERSHIP:** We welcome new member, Candi Penn, and are updating the membership form (which will be available online at: [www.occidental-ca.org](http://www.occidental-ca.org))

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 1). The migratory bird program will be held at Salmon Creek on 4/18; 2). The ARK auction will be on 5/4 in Bodega from 1-6pm; 3). The West County Health Center, River To Coast Children's Services and West County Community Services will be sponsoring the "Resorts in Bloom" program on June 12, 13 & 14 (10am – 4pm daily) – more information can be found at: [www.resortsinbloom.com](http://www.resortsinbloom.com); 4). The Fermentation Festival will be held on 5/16 at Salmon Creek School; 5). iWalk will be kicked off on Saturday, 5/16 – a group walk will be held after our 5/16 meeting; 6). The Occidental Community Choir has announced May performance dates – 5/9, 5/10, 5/15, 5/16 and 5/17 – more info at: [www.occidentalchoir.org](http://www.occidentalchoir.org)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** a). Submitted by Dominique

**Web Site:** 1). Calendar postings and local activities can be emailed to: [occweb@sonic.net](mailto:occweb@sonic.net) ; 2). The OCSA Agendas are now being posted and 3). The Senior Lunch Program and CYO schedules will be added to the site

**CRAFTS FAIRE:** Planning for December 2009 will start taking place and we continue to look for volunteers to get involved. Additionally, we will work closely with the Occidental Center for the Arts group (and Occidental Community Choir) to coordinate our holiday activities. Some ideas that were discussed: Christmas in May and a post card getting people engaged; getting the Crafts Faire signs ready now (maybe work with some of the folks at the OCA on this project); getting applications online and generally getting a plan in place. The Occidental Holiday Crafts Faire will be December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** We've received correspondence and donation requests from the 1). Senior Lunch Bunch – a motion was made and approved to grant this group \$1,000 for their program; 2). Palm Drive Hospital – no funding was approved; and 3). Harmony ARK Auction Committee – for the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 Auction - a motion was made and approved to support the Harmony ARK Auction Committee – with an incremental \$400 (in addition to the donation of \$100 was granted in February 2009).

**RESOURCE COMMITTEE:** No resource requests have been submitted.

**PR & CORRESPONDENCE:** No updates.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1). Candi Penn gave the OCC an update on the Occidental Emergency Preparedness planning efforts that have been going on and will be making a proposal to our group for financial assistance to help them get the word out, coordinate with locals and external groups and set up a web site. She is working with Dotty Joos and Diane Massura on this project. 2). We discussed the possibility of changing our meeting dates (on a week day vs. a weekend) and it was decided that we will check our 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month meeting date; 3). The idea to create a college scholarship fund for local graduating seniors was introduced and Kaye Martin will follow up with a program and a plan.

**SCHOOLS:** 1). The Young Writers Showcase will not be happening this year; 2). The Garden to Table (Wellness Program) will be happening going forward – the program has been 2-3 years in the making and it will involve local farmers and their produce; 3). The Salmon Creek Environmental Center is open and available to rent.

**THE "Y":** a). The local Y fundraising letter has been sent out and donations are coming in lighter than expected; b). Summer Day Camp sign ups are down, although the program is quite exceptional this year with field trips (SF Giants, and more) and a lot of interesting activities; c). The Y has been talking to Salmon Creek and has a proposal in to them to handle the Physical Education Program at the school.

**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 – please join in after the meeting on 5/16.

**COMMUNITY:** No updates.

**Meeting was adjourned at noon.**

Next meeting is Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am at the Occidental Community Center