



## **Occidental Community Council Minutes for May 16 , 2009**

**PRESENT:** Becky Ennis, Sherry Huss, Kaye Martin, Fawn Nekton, Jennifer Nichols, Candi Penn, and Mary Szcsey. Guest Kathleen Amormino from the American Cancer Society joined the meeting to present info on "Relay for Life". President Mary Szcsey called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were reviewed, 2 changes (edits) were noted and minutes were approved.

**GUEST:** Kathleen Amormino from the American Cancer Society visited our group to encourage our organization and members in the community to support the upcoming "Relay for Life". This program is the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. The local event will be held at Analy High School Field June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> (it is a 24 hour program – from 10am to 10am – although, to encourage involvement, any level/amount of participation is fine). It is an event that honors cancer survivors and helps us remember cancer victims. This will be the 11<sup>th</sup> year, and now more than ever, they need community support. More information can be found at:

[www.relayforlife.org/sebastopolca](http://www.relayforlife.org/sebastopolca)

Thanks Kathleen for including us and sharing information about this program.

**MEMBERSHIP:** No updates.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 1). Fermentation Festival going on today (5/16) at Salmon Creek School; 2). Occidental Center for the Arts Work Party going on today (5/16) from nine to noon; 3). Occidental Bohemian Farmers Market starts the first Friday in June – 6/5 at 3pm – dusk; 4). School is out 6/9; 5). Camp Meeker Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>; and 6). Today is iWalk kick off day in Occidental – after our meeting.

**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). Group noted that the Crafts Faire application needs to be posted online for Crafts Faire vendors (Mary to circle around with Susan).

**CRAFTS FAIRE:** Committees have formed and we are still looking for assistance in all areas. General assignments are:

- Vendor recruitment, selection and management – Dominique (with help from Jennifer)
- Food – Kaye (with the bake sale being supported by the school)
- Signs – need an owner/plan (will repurpose old signs and use printed signs too)
- Publicity/Marketing – Sherry

Will revisit at next meeting.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** We've received correspondence and a donation requests from the Occidental Bohemian Farmers Market – a motion was made and approved to become a sponsor at the \$100 level.

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

**PR & CORRESPONDENCE:** No updates.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1). It was brought to our attention that the Occidental Community Center is one of many buildings that is on a county list of potential building closures (budget related). We have just started investigating this report, and believe that it will be important to rally the support of the community to keep the Occidental Community Center open (as this building and the Occidental Y and their programs are an important part of our community). Our board will be doing some base level research (contacting Efrén Carrillo, etc.) and members will be reaching out to community groups and businesses that have a connection with the center and community. More information will follow the upcoming weeks, including a suggested plan on how the community can participate. If you are interested in getting involved in this effort, please let us know and send an email to: [occinfo@sonic.net](mailto:occinfo@sonic.net) 2). Candi Penn updated the group on the Occidental Emergency Preparedness project – she has connected with Jane Berry at the West County Health Center and is moving forward and investigating resources available – her next outreach is to the Occidental Volunteer Fire Department – more info to follow at upcoming meetings.

**SCHOOLS:** 1). The Garden to Table (Wellness Program) has been successfully launched and kids are enjoying healthy, locally sourced lunches; 2). The “Mosaic Project” lead by Laurie Prothro has been an incredible project and will become a model for an annual student project on the school grounds; 3). A committee is looking at the possibility of an onsite preschool and are exploring options – more info to follow; 4). The Y Summer Camp will be starting soon too.

**THE “Y:** a). There is still room for kids to sign up for the Summer Camp program – contact the Occidental Y for more information; b). things continue to go well with the after school program run by the Y.

**HEALTH CENTER:** The Health Center is a co-sponsor of the “Resorts in Bloom” garden tour charity along with River to Coast Children’s Services and West County Community Services – more information for the June 12, 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> tour can be found at: [www.resortsinbloom.com](http://www.resortsinbloom.com)

**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