



Occidental Community Council Minutes - March 19, 2011

PRESENT: Rebecca Aff, Ted Aff, Felicity Hand, Kaye Martin, Diane Masura, Candi Penn, Mary Szcsey
Guests: Nancy Collins, Dylan Walker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Yes.

MEMBERSHIP: 3 Renewals – Dr. Nancy Walters (Occidental Vet), Sally Tilbury, Kaye Martin
1 New Member: Ted Aff

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

KOWS Sock Hop tonight. \$1865 worth of Raffle Prizes. Tickets: \$10

The Passions featured music and Swing Dance Performers. 7:30PM

Fool's Parade – April 2nd at OCA. Poster approved for OCC Bulletin Board and Website posting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$8660.52

WEBSITE:

The ARK Auction and Fool's Parade posters will be put on the OCC site.

The email accounts need to be tested to see who is receiving them. Sherry or Dominique?

Sonic.net accounts: occinfo & occweb.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Member Email list will be updated and sent to all.

River to Coast Children's Services (RCCS) Newsletter received.

West County Community Services – Sr. Resource Center Newsletter Received.

Thank you letter from ARK Foundation received. Four tickets distributed to members.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

Dylan Walker attended and his wife Carol's letter was received with request for funds.

They were given an application and explanation of resource funding guidelines.

Rebecca Aff was appointed Resource Committee Chairperson.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to update and simplify the guidelines which Mary will do:

Limit of \$150 one time donation allowed, and rent/housing continues to be non-funded.

Kaye Martin is sending paperwork from school aide disbursements to Rebecca Aff.

NEW BUSINESS:

Occidental Community Market Manager Nancy Collins presented a request for help from OCC to mediate complaints from businesses re: OCBFM. Issues were keeping profits in the community and keeping parking open downtown. She would like to see the market moved to the Community Center to help support it remaining open. The Kitchen needs repair work (\$3000 estimated) for a new sink,

floor, and frig.(1 degree off) to become Health Dept. certified so it can be rented out. Food service can continue if served on disposable products. Money collected from the Friday night community market pays rent to the YMCA (\$42/wk), permits, cleaning, and advertising. It is run by volunteers.

The OCC recommends complaints be sent directly to OCBFM. Although OCC helped start the OCBFM, OCC does not have anything to do with its operation today.

SCHOOLS: Alice in Wonderland play was a big success, bringing in \$4,000.

The Spring Clean is happening, with lots of things available for recycling.

The ARK Auction Event is April 9th. Online auction at www.biddingforgood.com/ark begins March 28th.

The Garden to Table program was featured on TV.

Preparations for the annual Yosemite Outdoor Education trip are being made.

THE “Y”: The County end of year Fiscal Evaluation will take place in June.

It is expected So. Co. and the YMCA will be operating the Community Center at least for another year.

Carol Hart is the new Park & Rec. Dept. leader and is working on our behalf to keep it open.

OCC requests a report from STOCC on the status of their current work.

OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP):

Map Your Neighborhood meetings for up to 20 residences are being planned to prepare people for disasters.

Getting to know your neighbors, resources, setting up a care center, and becoming aware of hazards

will help you be ready for anything! Call 707 874 3784 or email: oe2010@comcast.net for information.

COMMUNITY:

OCC Bulletin Board has been outfitted with locks by Diane Masura.

Minutes of OCC meetings are posted, as well as the OCC Brochure and website: <http://www.occidental-ca.org>

Sonoma County would not allow us to paint the OCC website on the ball backboard,

so we are looking for other ways to display it to serve the community.

KOWS Radio 107.3fm will be having two more fundraising events at OCA.

Looking for new Programmers – a Food show? Wine? Schedule can be flexible.

They need a generator in case of power outages.

The FCC Transmitter upgrade deadline has been extended.

Relocation of the Antennae is planned to expand the range to Sebastopol and parts of Santa Rosa.

OCCSD Meeting at Fire Dept. is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. New water/sewer rates.

There is a bulletin board on the building with notices.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Next Meeting: April 16, 2011 10:30am Occidental Community Center