

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2018 Merced ReStore
1230 Broadway Ave., Atwater
Meeting # 286

President (Administration Chair) Jan Sorge	Present
Vice President (Recruitment Chair) Michelle Maggi	Present
Secretary (Public Relations) George Gallaher	Present
Treasurer Donna Hall	Excused
Family Services Chair Nellie Venegas	Present
ReStore Resource Chair Lyle Allen	Present
Finance Chair Sean Arnold	Excused
Member at Large Fred Pillsbury	Present

6:53 p.m. Call to order, Jan Sorge President.

Guests: Larry Sorge, Alice Gilbertson

Devotion: Lyle Shared about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated 50 years ago -- on April 4, 1968 -- in Memphis, Tennessee.

Here are some of the most memorable quotes of the US civil rights leader known for his soaring rhetoric:

- On racism -

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

- August 23, 1968 at the "March on Washington"

- On his legacy -

"Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice. Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for righteousness. And all of the other shallow things will not matter."

- February 4, 1968, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience and comfort, but where he stands in moments of challenge and controversy."

- King's 1963 book "Strength to Love"

- On good and evil -

"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."

- December 10, 1964, Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, Oslo, Norway

- His final speech -

"Well, I don't know what will happen now; we've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people will get to the promised land. So I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Minutes: The minutes for the March 26, 218 Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Financial Report: Jan reported that all partner families are up to date with mortgage payments. She also reported we are up to date with our obligations. Jan will check with Donna to insure the partner family's property taxes are paid. Jan and Donna are going to work together to get the financial recordkeeping and reporting systems properly functioning.

Family Services: Nellie will get back to working with families in the near future. She will also be actively involved in planning for family selection for our next build. Michelle will make flyers for the Fair event and later use in the ReStore that can be used as well with family selection. The flyers will concentrate on volunteers, Family selection, and general information and history of our organization.

Restore Report: Lyle reported that the ReStore is grossing \$1,200 per week on average he would like to see an average of \$1,500 per week but we should meet our obligations and set aside funds for home building with \$1,200. Lyle stated that our next big challenge is finding a licensed building contractor for our next build. Jan has an architect who will help with the plans and permitting process. Jan will also place an appeal in the church bulletin for a contractor.

Compass for a Cause: Alice Gilbertson from BBVA Compass Bank explained about a program whereby affiliate supporters could earn money by opening and using checking accounts with BBVA Compass Bank. Habitat for Humanity of Merced County would also need to open a checking account there in order to participate in the program. Mrs. Gilbertson also stated the bank has a financial literacy program which can be individualized to meet the needs of our partner families. She also stated that bank employees are willing to become HfH Merced volunteers. There are also grants available through their foundation and they provide help in grant writing with a webinar which she will provide information about to Jan in the near future.

Committee Reports

Administration: Jan reported That Larry and Barry have the building for the fair ready to go when the time comes. Michelle made, and Fred seconded a motion to purchase 1,000 tape measure key chains is with our logo affixed. The motion carried. Michelle moved and Fred seconded that the key chains will be given to anyone donating \$5.00 or more or who purchase a raffle ticket for the shed. Motion carried. Fred will pay the \$500.00 fee to the fair for our exhibit. Some discussion concerning the possible use of a BBVA Compass bank checking account for the ReStore. The board members will consider this and discuss it in the future. Jan is going to try to get a table at the Mercy Hospital event May 6th. She will have volunteers help her tend to the table. The parking lot sale went well with many vendors wanting to have another one. Jan may put one together for late September. We need to consider having a Carl's Jr. event in September, and Chipotle's the first part of October. We will have another volunteer orientation the first week of June. Lyle will check to be certain the County of Merced is paying the workers supplied to the ReStore.

Quality Assurance Checklist: All board members read and answered the questions on the quality assurance checklist. Michelle moved and Lyle seconded Jan forwarding our response on the quality assurance check list to HfHI. Motion carried. Jan will complete the proper forms at her earliest convenience.

Michelle discussed the cost and method of payment for our safety deposit box. She listed the documents currently stored in the box and explained that many of the people having access to the box are former board members. Michelle stated that we need to make a motion to authorize current board members access to the safety deposit box.

Jan moved and Lyle seconded that the board of directors authorizes the following four board members to have individual access to our safety deposit box, box 159, downtown branch, WestAmerica Bank, 605 W. 18th St. Merced. Jan Sorge, Michelle Maggi, Donna Hall, Nellie Venegas. Motion Carried.

Public Information George spoke about the apparent increase of donations after sending Mr. Sanford's Easter appeal letter.

Church Relations Jan will put out information concerning volunteers, our building site, and the need for a building contractor in the upcoming church bulletin.

Recruitment Michelle is still seeking qualified candidates to serve on Our board.

Other: Nellie's niece is willing to serve as historian after she completes her college courses.

Meeting adjourned: at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: George Gallaher, Secretary

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Lyle Allen

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Nellie Venegas

Tim Gallahan

Michelle Maggi

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