

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2016

Meeting Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Library

2916 McKee Rd., Merced CA

Meeting # 268

President (Administration Chair): Jan Sorge	present
Vice President: Michelle Paloutzian	excused
Secretary (Public Relations Chair): George Gallaher	present
Treasurer: Patti Houbein	present
ReStore Resource Chair: Lyle Allen	present
Family Selection/Partnership Chair: Nellie Venegas	excused
Finance Chair: Donna Hall	present
Site Selection Chair: Don Spiva	present
Member at Large: Pete Delacruz	present
Member at Large: Fred Pillsbury	present
Member at Large: Sean Arnold	present
Member at Large: Ida Johnson	excused

6:30 p.m. Call to order, Jan Sorge, President.

Devotion: Lyle shared an impromptu impassioned recounting from his heart about Clarence Jordan and the beginnings of HfHI.

Excused absences: Michelle, Paloutzian, Nellie Venegas, Ida Johnson

Guests: Joshua and Charlene Quinn.

May minutes: Approved as written.

Financial report: Patti reported that Aurora has not made a May or June payment. Lyle will telephone Aurora and discuss the situation. An insurance document needs to be signed by the Bravos so that a refund can come from the portion of time they were covered by two policies. Patti will deduct the refund amount from their loan balance if the refund comes before they pay their mortgage in full. If the refund comes later, Patti will remit the amount to the Bravos. Isabel is almost paid up on her remodel. Patti will mark the note paid, make a copy for our files and mail the original to Isabel when the final payment is received.

Family Services: Charlene Quinn, a new volunteer, will join Pete and Nellie on the Family Services Committee. Pete stated that they need to begin the visitation process as soon as possible. Jan has photographs of Isabel and Budina's remodeling jobs. She reported that Budina has a leak under her sink. Lyle will replace the plumber's putty with a silicone seal which should fix the leak.

ReStore Report: Lyle reported that a misunderstanding concerning employing twelve to thirteen KingsView clients brought the negotiations for the ReStore site at KingsView to a halt. Lyle explained that there isn't much incentive for a realtor to assist with finding a

suitable ReStore location. Lyle is starting on another approach. He is sending letters directly to property owners of sites he identifies as possible ReStore locations. Lyle is also including a graph developed by Sean which depicts a timeline and revenue possibilities. This should help property owners see our income potential and the opportunity for them to realize a tax writeoff while we are building our business. Lyle has one positive contact that he will follow-up.

Site Selection: The lot on Oleander Street would be expensive to develop because the sewer lines would need to be extended to the property. There is still an available lot on West Avenue that would be less expensive to build upon. Don stated that he would check the Property Tax Auction to see if any three bedroom two bath homes built after 1973 look feasible. We can use the HUD grant through the City of Merced to purchase a home and make sidewalk and driveway repairs. Using those funds for home improvement requires an extensive bidding process which might make it more feasible to use our funds for such improvements. Jan stated that we might get the owners of the Oleander lot to donate the property. This would give them a tax write off and would make the sewer extension more feasible.

Golf Tournament fundraiser: Don needs volunteers and donations. We probably won't have a donation from Dignity Health this year. They really want to volunteer on a project. We will keep them in mind when future projects become available. Patti will arrange for West America Bank to handle financial transactions at the tournament. The board needs to decide at our next meeting if we wish to rent a credit card reader for the event. Patti stated that she remembers it costing less than \$100.00.

Administration: Jan asked the boards to accept the resignation of Brittany Oakes. Lyle moved Fred seconded. Motion carried. Jas asked the board to grant Ida Johnson a six month leave absence for health reasons. Fred moved and Donna seconded. Motion carried. Fred moved and Pete seconded changing Lyle's title to ReStore Resource Chairperson. Motion carried.

Public Information: George will work on the summer newsletter and make appropriate name changes on our website. The newsletter will emphasize our current needs and accomplishments, Brush with Kindness, and the Golf Tournament.

Construction: No report.

Church Relations: Jan has sent out a newsletter to churches concerning the golf tournament, "Brush with Kindness", and the ReStore.

Volunteers: Jan reported several interested volunteers attending a recent workshop. Don and Jan discussed the idea of working with the city Code Enforcers to plan a large clean-up in a blighted part of the city. Jan has a contact with the Mormon Church who can get volunteers as we need them.

Recruitment: No report.

Unfinished & New Business: Don will check with city officials about allowing an affiliate from another county to contract jobs that do not seem to get completed thus giving HfH Merced an underserved bad reputation.

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 George Gallaher, Secretary

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County, Inc.
Monthly Board Meeting Sign-in June 27, 2016

- 1 Pete Delaney
- 2 Donna Hall
- 3 Lyle Allen
- 4 Patti Houlihan
- 5 A. Gold
- 6 FRED FILLBURY
- 7 Jan Song
- 8 George DeLaha
- 9 Charlene Quinn
- 10 Joshua Quinn
- 11 Dan Spiva
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Calendar:

July 25 – Monday, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting – St. Paul Lutheran Library
Devotion: Michelle

August 22 – Monday, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting – St. Paul Lutheran Library
Devotion: Pete

September 26 – Monday, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting – St. Paul Lutheran Library
Devotion: Sean

September 30 – Friday 8:30 a.m. Golf Tournament – Rancho Del Rey, Atwater

October 24 – Monday, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting – St. Paul Lutheran Library
Devotion: Nellie

October 29 – Saturday 5:30 p.m. Annual meeting/potluck, St. Paul Lutheran

November 28 – Monday, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting – St. Paul Lutheran Library
Devotion: Ida

December 26* – Monday, 6:30 p.m. Christmas gathering – bring appetizers to
Share – short board meeting. At the home of Jan & Larry Sorge
Devotion: George

*May have December meeting on a different date. Board will make a
determination in the future.