

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Special Board Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2016  
St. Paul Lutheran Church Library  
2916 N. McKee Rd. Merced

President (Administration Chair)	Jan Sorge	Present
Vice President (Recruitment Chair)	Michelle Paloutzian	Present
Secretary (Public Relations)	George Gallaher	Absent
Treasurer	Patti Houbein	Excused
ReStore Resource Chair	Lyle Allen	Present
Family Selection/Partnership Chair	Nell Venegas	Excused
Finance Chair	Donna Hall	Present
Site Selection Chair	Don Spiva	Present
Member at Large	Pete Delacruz	Present
Member at Large	Fred Pillsbury	Excused
Member at Large	Sean Arnold	Present
Member at Large	Ida Johnson	6 month sabbatical
Guest	Larry Sorge	
Guest	Barry Carbaugh	
Guest	Maddy Matthiew	

6:32 p.m. Call to order by President Jan Sorge

Jan announced a quorum is present. This is a special meeting to hear the recommendation of the guys who went with Don to look at five houses for a possible Rehab project. Jan had distributed information on each house and Don had pictures with details on each one.

Don went over each of the houses. He had talked with Mark Hamilton at the City and found out that it is a HUD requirement to have an Environmental study on each house for the cost of \$5000 plus a House Inspection, Termite Inspection, Plumbing Inspection and Roof Inspection for an approximate additional cost of at least \$1500.

There is an offer on the property on Bismark and even if we could get it for \$135,000 with these new added costs, it would not be feasible.

Larry, Barry and Maddy gave their opinions on all the houses and recommended the one on Iroquois St. which is north of Olive off El Capitan. It was burned out so would take approximately six months to get it ready for occupancy. It would put the group at Dignity Health and State Farm to work utilizing the groups of volunteers that are waiting anxiously to help. The asking cost is \$63,000 but Don would offer \$50,000 but first he will check to make sure the room on the second floor has been permitted. He will send out a final email as to the offer he recommends. It was moved by Lyle, Second by Donna that we authorize Don to go ahead with a offer of \$35,000 for this property pending any information he finds out and notifies us by email.

Discussion on what to do about Project #13 and no payments being made. Pete has visited with her. Her income is \$1500 per month and her expenses \$1700. She is working 40 hours a week at minimum wage. Her car was repossessed this week. She has applied for over 40 places for employment and has not found a second job or a better paying one. Lyle moved and Don second that we write up a note for house payments to be \$300 per month for six months, then review. The note will require she attend Budget Counseling Class. Jan will write up a note and send it out to board members for approval before Pete takes it to her.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Jan Sorge, notetaker