

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2016
Meeting location: St. Paul Lutheran Church Library
2916 N. McKee Rd. Merced
Meeting # 273

President (Administration Chair) Jan Sorge	Present
Vice President (Recruitment Chair) Michelle Paloutzian	Present
Secretary (Public Relations) 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	6-month sabbatical

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

Guests: Howard Michael LaChapelle, Helenca Alexander, Roger Powell

Roger Powell spoke about his experiences, his plans for HfH Mariposa and the future of HfH in general. He asked about some of our practices and made a few suggestions.

Devotion: Jan “Representing Jesus” Col 3:17 *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, ... As ambassadors of Christ we represent Jesus on earth with our face hands and feet. We can do a lot with just a smile. We can help each other with our hands. And we can go the extra mile with our feet. Our higher calling is to influence others rather than impressing them. When we try to impress, we hold and are held from others at arm’s length. Influencing others means a closer relationship and a more meaningful one.*

Minutes: October minutes approved as presented. Special Board Meeting minutes were approved with one change: deleting the meeting number in accordance with past practices which keeps our numbering system consistent.

Financial Report: Patti reported that the partner family on Fig St. paid one half in October and the full payment in November. Project 13 paid \$300.00. The partner in project 13 needs to attend financial counseling classes and has been given the name of a contact person. Pete and Donna spoke to her and she signed the reduced temporary payment note. All financial data is up to date.

Family Services: Nellie was not present so no report.

Site Selection: Don Spiva, Site Selection chair stated he is still looking for a lot or home to purchase with the HUD grant. Don will speak with city officials about the possibility

of extra monies being available to supplement our grant allowing more flexibility in purchasing properties. Don stated that we should have a family available to begin sweat equity should a property become available in the immediate future,

ReStore Research: Lyle reported he has the key to 1600 W. Main St., Merced. Lyle explained where he is with negotiations for free and reduced rent. Lyle shared a document that explains the process and lists duties for key committee members. Lyle stated that he needs between \$700 and \$1,000 to have a licensed contractor connect the gas and electricity to the property. Lyle will report to the board when there is significant progress with the project and negotiations. A motion was made by Lyle and seconded by Donna to give Lyle authority to spend between \$700 and \$1,000 to contract with a licensed contractor to restore gas and electric services to the property at 1600 W. Main St., Merced. Motion carried.

Lyle and the building crew will be working with Joe Carroll at Sierra Saving Grace to repair some damaged plaster and gypsum board walls at 406B West 20th Street, Merced. This is a Brush with Kindness Project. Don will check with the city to see if there are homeless funds available that could pay for or help pay for the materials.

Administration: Jan reported that she is planning to work on a Capacity Building Grant. Everyone present reported a favorable reaction to the annual dinner meeting. The musicians were a special treat. The date for the Annual Planning meeting was changed from January 14, 2017 to January 7, 2017 due to a scheduling conflict. Jan advised the board that there is no December meeting this year.

Public Relations: George reported that the newsletter has been submitted to the printer Michael completed several on-line safety courses and received certificates. George shared a letter which Sean read from Al Stewart. A sign-up sheet for next year's devotions was distributed.

Church Relations: Jan reported that we have generosity kits available for other churches to volunteer at our job sites.

Recruitment: Jan reported that she has a couple of good prospects interested in joining our board. Michelle and Jan asked if a submit button could be added to the website for board applications since mailed ones seem to get lost.

Meeting adjourned: at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: George Gallaher, Secretary

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County, Inc.
Monthly Board Meeting Sign-in Nov 28 2016

- 1 Helena Alexander
- 2 H. Michael Llopelle, volunteer
- 3 Dr Spive
- 4 FRED PILLBURY
- 5 Pete Delacroy
- 6 Roger JP O
- 7 Lyle Allen
- 8 Jan Argy
- 9 Donna Hall
- 10 Michelle Palmer
- 11 Patti Houbein
- 12 Sean Arnold
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Devotions 2017 Sign-up Sheet

Month	Responsible Board Member
January	<u>Patti Houbein</u>
February	<u>Michelle Paloutzian</u>
March	<u>Jan Doye</u>
April	<u>Donna Hall</u>
May	<u>Lyle Allen</u>
June	<u>FRED PILSBURY</u>
July	<u>Sean Arnold</u>
August	<u>George Gallah</u>
September	<u></u>
October	<u></u>
November	<u>Don Spiva</u>
December	<u></u>

I wish I had been able
to attend your Annual
Dinner Meeting. I have
many fond memories of
the first few years of
helping get the affiliate
off the ground and completing
the first (Castro) project as
well as a few others.

Best Regards,
Al Stewart