

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2017
Meeting location: St. Paul Lutheran church Library
2916 N. McKee Rd. Merced
Meeting #275

President(Administration Chair) Jan Sorge	Present
Vice President (Recruitment Chair) Michelle Paloutzian	Present
Secretary (Public Relations) George Gallaher	Excused
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 Sean Arnold	Excused
Member at Large Ida Johnson	Excused (Medical Sabbatical)
Xay Yang	New board member

Guests:

Larry Sorge
Helenca Alexander

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

Devotion: Michelle shared a devotion about Commitment. Sharing and Commitment work hand in hand. The ultimate is that you get out whatever you put in to anything.

Minutes: January Board meeting minutes: approved as written.

Financial Report: Treasurer Patti shared that the \$52.95 construction in process entry on the balance sheet is the amount it cost to do the rehab for Sierra Saving Grace. She will write up an invoice and give it to Lyle to turn into Sierra Saving Grace to get reimbursement.

Larry asked for both of his Habitat credit cards to be increased to \$5000 and also to issue Barry Carbaugh the same credit cards for \$2000. The consensus of the board approved this request.

All house payments are up to date with Project 13 even making a \$500 payment instead of \$300.

Donna and Pete haven't made any visitations yet but when they do, Jan has house information to give to the Bravos, Rosas and Castro that were in the Bank Deposit box.

Family Services: Nell is ill. An Orientation is set for Saturday, April 8th from 9-noon at the Rossotti Center by Applegate Zoo, 1045 W. 25th St. A \$100 refundable deposit plus \$25 an hour for a total of \$75 will be the cost. Signs and people will have to direct

people as it is difficult to find. Michelle and George will get the power point up to date and we'll discuss the details at the March meeting.

Site Selection Don gave the details of the house on 1045 D St. The seller accepted our offer of \$95 and a 90-day escrow. The inspections cost around \$1600 and found serious pest problems with an estimate of \$16,000 to repair. Don, Larry, Barry and Jan met on Friday since Saturday was the last day we could cancel. We agreed to offer \$85,000 since the cost of problems had increased. Concern over the time frame of HUD were discussed and Mark Hamilton from the City emailed Don today that as long as we had the repairs done and escrow closed by June 30 we would have until 2018 to complete the project. This was the first Mark had given us that information as before it had to be completed by June 30, 2017. We could buy the house outright without HUD but it would take most of our money. If we don't go through HUD, we lose the \$100,000 grant money. This was discussed at length and the final decision by consensus of the board was to cancel the agreement to buy the house.

Don will keep looking for another house that would be reasonable for us to purchase. Don has put in an application for \$150,000 for HUD grant for 2018. It is unlikely we will be considered since we haven't used this one this year.

We will go ahead with the Orientation to have families eligible for the next house. Don suggested we put the requirements online so people know what is expected of them when they come to the Orientation. Jan will relay this info to George to put on our website.

Committee reports:

Administration: Jan shared that Barry & Larry attended the Safety Training for OSHA put on by the ED of Mariposa Habitat on Saturday, Feb. 4th. They only had to attend the one session and the ED sent the manual to Jan so we have it on a disk to use for future training.

Larry asked for permission to buy some tools so they can replace some worn out ones and purchase some needed ones so people don't have to bring their own. Motion by Lyle and second by Michelle to allow up to \$600 to purchase the needed tools. They will have two five gallon buckets with tools and mark them with different colored paint to know where they belong after they use them.

Jan had an email from Sierra Saving Grace that they will hold a Trivia fundraiser night and share the proceeds with Habitat as a thank you for the work our guys did on their rehab of an apartment that was destroyed by one of their clients. Teams of four and some door prizes will need to come from our volunteers and enjoy a fun evening either April 1 or 8 at the Legion Hall.

Our Annual Vendor Yard Sale will be Sat. April 1 from 8 a.m – 2 p.m. at St. Paul's parking lot. \$10 for two parking spaces is the cost and the application is on line and

publicity has been sent to Merced County Times and Merced Sun Star. Volunteers will be needed to monitor and for traffic control.

Public Relations George was ill. He suggested we check with widows to see if they would like to donate tools that their husbands may have had.

Church Relations:

All churches in the Atwater and Merced areas receive monthly news articles of our upcoming events.

Volunteer Orientation will be held Thursday, March 23rd from 7-8 p.m. at St. Paul Library.

Recruitment: Michelle introduced Xay Yang who has sent in an application to be on our board. She lives in Atwater and sells insurance and runs her business from her home. She will attend our board meetings and decide what area she would like to work in. She is willing to help wherever needed.

ReStore Research Chair Lyle shared two letters he sent to Mr. Razzari and has not received any response. He welcomes any suggestions or ideas of what to do next.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Jan Sorge, notetaker