

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2017

Meeting location: St. Paul Lutheran Church Library

2916 N. McKee Rd. Merced

Meeting # 276

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	Present
Finance Chair Donna Hall	Present
Site Selection Chair Don Spiva	Excused
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
Member at Large Xay Yang	Present

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

Guests: No Guests

Devotion:

Jan shared a devotional about being always faithful. We try but usually fall short. We need to try to live up to God's example and work on becoming more faithful in everything we do by following the Master's rules.

Matthew 24:45-51 New International Version (NIV)

⁴⁵ "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. ⁴⁷ Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁸ But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' ⁴⁹ and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. ⁵⁰ The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. ⁵¹ He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Minutes: February Board minutes: Approved as written

Financial Report: Patti reported that All payments are current. Patti successfully raised the credit limit to \$5,000.00 on Larry's credit card. Patti needs information to obtain two more credit cards. Jan will get the information from the two volunteers. The county tax sale is coming up. Mr. Quintero from the City of Merced needs a letter on our letterhead stating certain specified information in order to release the performance bond.

Family Services: Nellie reported that Aurora is thankful for the finance class at LOVE INC. Aurora has a problem with her water heater. Nellie informed Dale. Lyle will check to be certain the problem is resolved. Moved by Nellie seconded by Fred to postpone the family selection orientation scheduled for April 8th until we have a lot secured and are prepared to proceed with the building process. Motion carried.

Site Selection No report.

Administration: Jan reported that there are two applications in the works for Brush with Kindness. We should be hearing from Sierra Saving Grace about their fundraiser in the near future.

Public Relations: George reported that he is reluctant to publish a newsletter without substantive news. Jan stated that by the end of the meeting we would have news for the publication.

Church Relations: Jan reported no one attended the latest volunteer orientation and that she will schedule another orientation in the future,

Recruitment: New have a new board member. Michelle is looking for more new members.

ReStore Research: Lyle reported that met with the owner of the main street property and that the gentleman is unwilling to rent the property on the terms the board authorized. Lyle will continue his search for a suitable ReStore location. Lyle will check with Mr. Henderson about sites at the Castle Development Park. Sean stated that he has privileged information about the possibility of ReStore locations at two sites in and near Atwater.

Other: Fred shared that he is donating \$65.00 per month as an in-kind donation for the rent on a 10X10 storage space. Fred reported that he and Larry emptied the truck into the space and there is still enough space for another truckload. Fred will pay for the space until we don't need it anymore or until he is unable to continue.

Newsletter:

1. ReStore article
2. Story about homeowners who have completed paying for their homes
3. Photos and stories about Brush with Kindness

4. Dates for Annual Dinner Oct 28(?), fundraisers, Volunteer Orientation June 27(?).

By April 6th Jan will check with the Pizza Factory, Donna will check with Chipolte, Michelle will check with Carl's Jr., Sean will check with Applebee's to determine the possibility of fundraisers and open dates.

The board agreed to have the Atwater U.P.S. Store print the newsletter.
Articles for the Newsletter are due April 13, 2017.

The board accepted Xay Yang as our newest board member.

Meeting adjourned: at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: George Gallaher, Secretary

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Meeting Sign In March 27, 2017

George Gellacher

FRED PILSBURY

Pete Delacruz

Nellie Venegas

Patti Houben

Lyle Allen

Jan Sorensen

Michelle Paloufina

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