

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2017

Meeting location: Habitat Merced ReStore

1230 Broadway Ave., Atwater

Meeting # 283

President (Administration Chair) Jan Sorge	Present
Vice President (Recruitment Chair) Michelle Paloutzian	Excused
Secretary (Public Relations) George Gallaher	Present
Treasurer Donna Hall	Present
Family Services Chair Nellie Venegas	Excused
ReStore Resource Chair Lyle Allen	Present
Finance Chair Sean Arnold	Present
Member at Large Pete Delacruz	Excused
Member at Large Fred Pillsbury	Present

5:38 p.m. Call to order, Jan Sorge President.

Guests: Barry Carbaugh,

Devotion: Lyle read a devotion that took us back to our roots.

A Brief History

Koinonia Farm was founded in 1942 by Clarence and Florence Jordan and Martin and Mabel England as a “demonstration plot for the kingdom of God.” This meant a community of believers sharing their lives and resources, following the example of the first Christian communities as described in the Acts of the Apostles. Other families soon joined, and visitors to the farm were invited “to serve a period of apprenticeship in developing community life on the teachings and principles of Jesus.”

Koinonians shared not only faith and resources, but also work. We farmed for our livelihood and sought ways to work in partnership with the land, “to conserve the soil, God’s holy earth” (Clarence Jordan). We shared, taught and were members of local churches. From the beginning, Koinonians emphasized the brotherhood and sisterhood of all people. When we could afford to hire seasonal help, Black and White workers were paid a fair, equal wage. When the community and its guests prayed or ate a meal, we all sat together at the table, regardless of color. Our commitment to racial equality, pacifism, and economic sharing brought bullets, bombs, and a boycott in the 1950s as the Ku Klux Klan and others attempted to force us out. We responded with prayer, nonviolent resistance, and a renewed commitment to live the Gospel.

As the threats of violence dwindled, we focused on the poor quality of local housing and began a project to build decent, affordable homes for our neighbors. Clarence also focused on a passion he held, to pen a version of the New Testament from the original Greek to South Georgia vernacular. From his writing shack nestled in the pecan orchards, Clarence wrote the *Cotton Patch Version*, prepared for nationwide speaking engagements, and, in 1969, while working on a sermon, it is where he died suddenly.

Lyle stated that the transliteration written by Clarence Jordan emphasized that Christ rose to be with us today, as well as after we’re gone. Lyle also stated that the first Habitat house was built on the Koinonia property. Jan stated that the transliteration is available at the county library.

Minutes: September Board minutes: Approved as written. (No meeting in October.)

Financial Report: Donna reported that all mortgages are up to date for except for Aurora who will probably pay today, Jan reported that the performance bond, \$6,264.79, will be transferred to our checking account in January when it will be mature, and interest will be paid. Donna explained that she will gather the invoices for the projects to be reimbursed from Passadori's and total them, copy them, prepare a statement, and present it to the Passadori's after the first of the year. Jan reported that the Chipotle fundraiser netted \$215.80. Jan also stated that we received \$4,000.00 from Kaleidoscope Charitable Fund. Donna asked for information about the Savemart and Amazon programs be included on our website and Facebook page.

Restore Research Chair/ Construction Co-Chair

Lyle needs change for the operation of the store. Jan will find the cash box and increase the fund from \$100.00 to \$200.00. Lyle has been in contact with Leader Merchant Service trying to get a rush shipment of our credit card machine and cash register. Lyle may need to travel to Southern California to get the items. If he does, then he will probably work all Friday night getting the system set up in time for Saturday.

Construction Report: Barry reported that all work for the ReStore is complete and the crew is waiting on standby for any other assignments for the store. The inspections are complete with only a Knox box that needs to be installed. Passadori's have ordered the Knox box and will take care of its installation. We will provide keys for the box after it is installed. Barry is willing to have the crew consider Brush with Kindness applications with the idea that some projects may be out of their experience level. Such as releveling mobile homes or other large undertakings.

Family Services: No report. Jan will check with Nellie to inquire as to her health.

Site Selection No report.

Administration: Jan reported that she has paid \$60.00 to join the Atwater Chamber of Commerce who will preside over the ribbon cutting ceremony. Jan has lowered the telephone bill almost in half at about \$60.00 per month. The phone now has caller identification which is an improvement over the previous service. The Merced Fair asked if we would consider building a building during the upcoming fair. Jan will check on their requirements and our liability exposure. The building crew will determine the feasibility of constructing a shed or small building that can be easily taken down for transporting. The board will consider all this at a future meeting and determine if the building could be raffled at a profit. Donna will check to see if our raffle license is event specific or issued for a calendar year.

Public Relations: The newsletter was well received with its color photos and thick smooth paper. George suggested we wait for our annual appeal letter until Easter time. The next newsletter will be published after the annual meeting and will include the store opening photos, our 2018 goals and information about Savemart rewards and Amazon smile. We will also appeal for new board members.

Church Relations: Jan has sent many items to churches with much success.

Recruitment: no report. (Need two additional board members before January annual planning meeting.)

Other: The annual planning meeting will be held at the ReStore on January 6, 2018 from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Jan, Donna, and Michelle will bring food for the opening. Lyle needs at least three people

Walking the floor during the day. Fred asked about the Darryl's Storage compartment. We now need to pay for every other month. If we don't pay until next year the rate will be more. There is some confusion as to the exact amount. Lyle moved, and Jan seconded to pay for the first quarter of 2018 before the end of the year at approximately \$480.60. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: George Gallaher, Secretary

Bard Meeting
11-30-17

1. SW Walker
2. Lyle Allen
3. BARRY CARBAUGH
4. FRED PILBURY
5. A. Wolf
6. Jan Lopez
7. Donna Hall
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