

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes  
March 26, 2018 Merced ReStore  
1230 Broadway Ave., Atwater  
Meeting # 285

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

6:53 p.m. Call to order, Jan Sorge President.

Guests: Larry Sorge, Carol Roberts

**Devotion:** Fred shared A reading about perceptions and self-identity.

*Who's Your Daddy?*

*A seminary professor was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, TN. One morning, they were eating breakfast at little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests. The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here." But sure enough, the man did come over to their table. "Where are you folks from?" he asked in a friendly voice.*

*"Oklahoma," they answered.*

*"Great to have you here in Tennessee." the stranger said. "What do you do for a living?"*

*"I teach at a seminary," he replied.*

*"Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a really great story for you." And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple. The professor groaned and thought to himself, "Great... Just what I need another preacher story!"*

*The man started, "See that mountain over there pointing out the restaurant window. Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked the same question, 'Hey boy, Who's your daddy?'" "Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask the same question, 'Who's your daddy?'"*

*He would hide at recess and lunch time from other students. He would avoid going in to stores because that question hurt him so bad. "When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early to avoid hearing the question, 'Who's your daddy?'. But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast he got caught and had to walk out with the crowd.*

*"Just about the time he got to the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about him, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, 'Son, who's your daddy?'" The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the question, 'Who's your daddy'. This new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following to that scared little boy*

*“‘Wait a minute!’ he said. ‘I know who you are. I see the family resemblance now. You are a child of God. With that he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, ‘Boy, you’ve got a great inheritance. Go and claim it.’*

*With that, the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. He was never the same again.*

*Whenever anybody asked him, ‘Who’s your Daddy?’ he’d just tell them, ‘I’m a Child of God’.” The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, “Isn’t that a great story?”*

*The professor responded that it really was a great story!*

*As the man turned to leave, he said, “You know, if that new preacher hadn’t told me that I was one of God’s children, I probably never would have amounted to anything!” And he walked away.*

*The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over and asked her, “Do you know who that man was who just left that was sitting at our table?”*

*The waitress grinned and said, “Of course. Everybody here knows him. That’s Ben Hooper. He’s the former governor of Tennessee!”*

*Someone in your life today needs a reminder that they’re one of God’s children!*

**Minutes and Notes:** The minutes for the January 22, 2018 and the February 26, 2018 gathering were accepted as presented.

**Financial Report:** Donna reported that all mortgages are up to date. She also reported that she will pay the property taxes for our partner families and needs some signed checks before the tax deadline. Donna was reminded that she needs to submit an invoice to Mr. Passadori for one half the cost of materials used to remodel the restroom in the ReStore. Donna assured the Board the matter will be taken care of soon. Jan and Donna presented the latest financial reports which are becoming more complete and as time goes on less ambiguous. Jan and Donna are working on finding methods to accurately record financial information to reflect accurately the financial status of our organization. The financial reports were accepted as presented. Lyle and Donna reported that store sales are exceeding expenditures.

**Family Services:** No report.

**Restore Report:** Lyle reported that with a new battery a donated pickup truck was sold at full price. There were two bidders and while the first bidder bid low, he raised his bid to full price upon learning of another full price bid. Lyle stated that the furniture restorer will work on Thursdays so that his spray painting does not harm customers. One of the county workers is assisting the restorer and he will also work on Thursdays. Lyle and Jan expressed satisfaction with the county employees and stated that they fill in where volunteers are hard to find. Lyle stated that we need more inventory. Lyle passed around a volunteer sign-up for the ReStore. Jan will trade with George so that she can supervise the Yard Sale on her regular ReStore Saturday. We could use some help with the delivery and pick-up crew. Larry has help but could use more.

## **Committee Reports**

**Administration:** County Fair, Larry reported some changes to the design of the shed for the County Fair. The building will be six feet by eight feet. The roof will be eight feet high on one side and seven feet high on the opposite side. We will use two inch by three inch studs instead of two inch by four inch

studs. This will save some on material costs. The structure will rest on four by fours touching the ground with two by fours twenty-four inches apart spanning them. On top of that will be three fourth inch tongue and groove plywood flooring. There will be a thirty-six-inch-wide door at one end. The roofing will be corrugated plastic. The structure will be unpainted. There will be no windows, and screws and lag bolts will be used as fasteners. There will be one inch wide trim on the corners. The cost of materials is approximately \$750.00. Jan reported that we need to set a ticket priced and decide on a method of paying the fair fee of \$500.00 or \$2.00 per ticket sold. If we were to get \$8.00 per ticket (\$10.00-\$2.00) we would need to sell ninety-three and one-half tickets to break even on the \$750 building materials cost. In addition, it would take fifty additional tickets to break even on the \$500 fee. The conclusion being that if more than one hundred fifty tickets were sold paying the fee of five hundred dollars up front would be prudent. Donna Moved and Fred seconded paying the \$500.00 fee and setting the ticket price at \$10.00. Motioned carried. Lyle stated that he would like to consider the numbers more and, depending on his findings, bring the issue up at our next meeting. But, for now, he will go along with the motion. Donna suggested heavy paper for the tickets with spaces for name address and telephone number. People will need to hang on to their tickets until October 27th, so the tickets need to be sturdy.

**Casey Steed meeting:** Jan and Lyle reported on a meeting between the Radio Station representative city officials and Lyle and herself. The meeting went well, and we have two possible lots to consider. Lyle would like to build on one and then purchase the other with the stipulation that we showed good faith in building to schedule and need time to build more than one home on the larger lot. One lot is located at 1275 N. Parsons Ave. and another at 73 S. "R" St. Lyle suggested the following as a preliminary start for a lot of tasks for Parsons Ave:

1. Work with Mark Hamilton to develop build timeline
2. Put in place the "construction manager or Managers: and volunteer staffing
3. Develop and submit building plans
4. Line up project resources (donated services)
5. Finalize timeline
6. Sign purchase agreement with Merced Housing Program (Mark Hamilton)
7. Set construction schedule

Larry pointed out that one of the newer partners has trouble getting her car into her garage. Larry also stated that he had obtained house plans from another affiliate. Lyle said the current plan makes a great home for a small to medium sized family and could be oriented differently on a larger lot. Jan stated that access to the Parsons lot would need to be from Merced Ave. Lyle said the garage could be on that side of the lot. Larry pointed out that a utility pole blocks part of that side of the lot. Lyle will look at the lot and report back at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Lyle to accept Pete Delacruz's resignation and make him an honorary board member/consultant. Motion carried. It was pointed out that the board might want to consider changing the bylaws to allow honorary board members since this will be our second one. Jan is planning a luncheon for all volunteers at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday April 14 in the ReStore. Jan will also hold a volunteer orientation that same day. Jan is happy with the number of vendors pre-signed for the yard sale. She is going to find volunteers for a booth and to direct traffic that day.

**Public Information** George spoke about the changes to search engines for websites with fill in forms. He also is working on making the site compatible with people having sight problems.

**Church Relations** Jan needs to upgrade QuickBooks and has found an offer on Tech Soup for three copies for \$125. Lyle promised to pay the \$125.00. Jan will contact Lyle when the software is

delivered. Jan is working on getting a good price on some give-away keychain tape measures with our logo affixed. She will report back next meeting on the results of her efforts.

**Recruitment** Carol Roberts is in attendance to see if she feels comfortable with being on the board. Jan stated another individual promised to be here was unable to attend. Donna has contacted some people about joining the board. She will have them contact Jan for further information.

**Other:** Michell designed a flyer to distribute various places to advertise the ReStore. Jan passed them around asking board members to distribute them. A copy is attached to the end of these minutes. Jan explained that Lockton Insurance has the best price for Director's and Organization insurance and that Donna has paid their premium for another year.

**Meeting adjourned:** at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: George Gallaher, Secretary

**Habitat for Humanity of Merced County**

**Meeting Sign In March 26, 2018**

George Gallahan

Syle Allen

FRED T. PILLBURY

Larry George Sweet

Carol Roberts

Donna Hall

Jan Dorge

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