

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 2018 Merced ReStore  
1230 Broadway Ave., Atwater  
Meeting # 287

President (Administration Chair) Jan Sorge	Present
Vice President (Recruitment Chair) Michelle Maggi	Present
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 Fred Pillsbury	Absent

6:37 p.m. Call to order, Jan Sorge President.

Guests: no guests

**Devotion:** Jan shared about Memorial Day.

*Honor Them*

*"Here is a trustworthy saying:  
If we died with him, we will also live  
with him;  
Keep reminding God's people of these things."  
(2 Corinthians Verses 11 & 14)*

*Celebrate Memorial Day, pray for all who served; who went before us and all those that we love.*

*For several years my son-in-law Rick played in the 451<sup>st</sup> Fort Smelling Army band. We went to a lot of parades and concerts and had a lot of fun. At each concert they traditionally played the military anthems of the Coast Guard, Army, Marines and Navy while the veterans in the crowd stood and saluted. Each time my eyes teared up with emotion when I thought what these people had done for all of us.*

*There are places in the world where my writing these messages would be prohibited and criminal. That is not the case here. What makes America great is our freedom of speech, the ability to express ourselves in a common language and to hear from the other side. Abraham Lincoln said it like this:*

*"I am nothing but truth is everything.  
I know I am right because I know that liberty is right, for Christ teaches it,  
and Christ is God."*

*Thought for Today: Today let us remember all who have gone before us and be thankful.*

*Prayer for Today: Dear Lord and Father, today we give thanks to all of those who have gone before us; those who have contributed to our lives today. First all of those who fought in our military that contributed to our freedom; second to our family ancestors who built our traditions and lifestyle; and last to Jesus who gave us grace. Amen*

**Minutes:** The minutes for the April 28, 218 Board Meeting were accepted as presented with the correction of the date from March to April.

**Financial Report:** Donna reported that, all but two, partner families are up to date with mortgage payments. These two partners usually pay before the end of the month. Sean asked that the categories from the cash register be reported instead of a lump sum so as to be better able to make decisions on the amount of floor space to devote to each category of merchandise. Lyle said this can be done but might not have as much value as we might think because we receive donated merchandise and have little control over what is on the sales floor at any given time. The important thing is to have the place appear full and the merchandise to be attractively displayed. The financial report was accepted as written.

**Family Services:** The deadline for returning home applications is June 23, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. The applications can be mailed to our post office box or hand delivered to the ReStore.

**Restore Report:** Lyle reported that the ReStore has grossed around four thousand dollars so far this month. Donna will get the invoice for the restroom upgrades to the property owner soon. Lyle delivered copies of the disputed checks to the property owner and has not heard anything else on the matter and assumes the matter is completed to everyone's satisfaction.

### **Committee Reports**

**Administration:** Jan reported that the fair is set to go. Only the roof needs to be completed on the building. Jan distributed tickets for board members to sell for the building raffle. Jan distributed a sign-up list for participants to attend our fair booth. Jan will fill in with volunteers to help the board members tend to the booth and sell tickets. Jan reported the key chains are on the East Coast and will get them to the people who purchase tickets from the board members.

**Public Information:** George stated that we should wait until we have some building activity to report before publishing our next newsletter.

**Church Relations:** Jan continues to put out information concerning volunteers, our building site, and the need for a building contractor in the church bulletin. Jan will check to be sure we have St. Anthony's Church in Atwater on our church relations list.

**Recruitment:** Michelle is still seeking qualified candidates to serve on Our board. Jan is following up on two or three prospects.

**Other:** Michelle stated that we need to redo the motion for the safety deposit box since the bank will not accept board minutes over thirty days old. Jan moved and Lyle seconded that the board of directors authorizes the following four board members to have individual access to our safety deposit box, box 159, downtown branch, WestAmerica Bank, 605 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St. Merced. Jan Sorge, Michelle Maggi, Donna Hall, Nellie Venegas. Motion Carried.

Nellie's niece is still willing to serve as historian after she completes her college courses. Lyle and Donna will work together to form a plan to either open or not open an account for the ReStore at Compass bank and will report their findings at the next board meeting.

Michelle will set up a fund raiser at Carl's Jr. for September. Sean will organize a fund raiser at Chipotle's for October.

**Meeting adjourned:** at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: George Gallaher, Secretary

**Habitat for Humanity of Merced County**

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*Nancy Galder*

*Michelle Maggi*

*Lyle Allen*

*Jan Horse*

*J. Field*

*Denna J Hall*