

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes
 July 25, 2016
 Meeting location: Sorge home, 2842 Wainwright Ave. Merced
 Meeting # 269

President (Administration Chair) Jan Sorge	Present
Vice President (Recruitment Chair) Michelle Paloutzian	Absent
Secretary) Public Relations) George Gallaher	Excused
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	Present
Member at Large Pete Delacruz	Absent
Member at Large Fred Pillsbury	Present
Member at Large Sean Arnold	Absent
Member at Large Ida Johnson	6 month sabbatical

8:00 p.m. Call to order, Jan Sorge President

No devotion – Michelle absent.

Don Spiva, Site Selection Chair had some updates on property and land he wanted input on. A lot in Planada but questions about water on it so could run very expensive. The lot at 25th & K was taken off the market, last offer was \$32,000 which the owner refused. It has hookups so might be the better deal and close to work on. Don will check to see if it is still available and also the cost of water on the LeGrand lot. Real estate has gone up and no rehabs available that would be within reason. He will email us the details when he gets the information. The lots on Oleander would require water lines to be put in. Jan will call the Carters to see if they are willing to donate a large part of their asking price. The land is big enough for three houses.

Don also found out that the Redevelopment situation has changed and we will invite Jennifer Upson and her husband Patrick to the next Orientation so see if they qualify for a Habitat house. If they do, it would be possible for Kathy to sell the house to them.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved as written.

Financial reports: Patti shared that she has the necessary paperwork completed for the raffle at the Golf Tournament. The tithe to Nicaragua has been paid. Isabel Castro is paying on her loan for the rehab. Bravos will be paying off their loan this month. We will honor those who have paid off their loans at the Annual meeting October 29th.

House # 13 is delinquent in payments of April, May, June and July. After going through since the beginning, several others were partially missed so a total of \$ 2350 is due. Discussion held. Jan will call her and set up an appointment and

she and Nell will meet with her and give her the 15 day notice of starting to pay off her late payments or face foreclosure.

Rosa Reconveyance has been recorded since they paid off their home. The Bond that we carry on our records is being researched by Frank Quintero at the County.

Golf Tournament: Don shared that we need golfers – everyone should recruit as well as any sponsors for holes. Volunteers are needed from 10 a.m. on. Jan suggested home baked cookies in a small bag (six cookies) to give each golfer. Everyone thought that was a great idea so we will do that. Volunteers to bake cookies will be recruited at the next meeting.

Administration: Jan brought up a request from the Merced Sun Star to become a Partner in Education for a donation to give newspapers to schools. \$300 was the lowest amount. Consensus was NO not to participate in this program.

ReStore Research Chair Lyle reported that he called Gloria Keene, who Jan had referred him to in regard to a building she thought might be available for a ReStore. After hearing the proposal, the owner was not in favor of Habitat having it. She will also look for other possibilities. Lyle sent letters to several property owners stating that we couldn't afford a lot to start out with but would increase payments as we took income in. He will follow up with phone calls.

Volunteer Orientation is set for Wed. Aug 3rd from 7-8 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church library. An information booth will be at the Castle Health Faire on Saturday, August 6th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Jan would like someone to train to do the Volunteer Orientations and the informational booths at events. Three from the last Orientation will help at the Castle Health Faire.

Public Relations – George – no report as he was absent.

Church Relations – Jan – monthly article sent to all churches in Atwater and Merced.

Recruitment – Michelle – no report as she was absent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Fred Pillsburty, notetaker