

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2016
Meeting location: St. Paul Lutheran Church Library
2916 N. McKee Rd. Merced
Meeting # 272

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

6:31 p.m. Call to order, Jan Sorge President.

Guests: Howard Michael LaChapelle

Devotion: Nellie Venegas

“What are you shopping for this holiday season?”

As I was walking down life’s highway many years ago
I came upon a sign that read Heaven’s Grocery Store...
When I got a little closer the doors swung open wide
And when I came to myself I was standing inside...
I saw a Host of Angels. They were standing everywhere.
One handed me a basket and said ‘My child shop with care!’.
Everything a human needed was in that grocery store
And what you could not carry you could come back for more
First I got some patience love was in that same row.
Further down was understanding you need that everywhere you go.
I got a box or two of wisdom and faith a bag or two
And charity of course I would need some of that too...
I couldn’t miss the Holy Ghost it was all over the place
And courage to help me run this race.
My basket was getting full, but I remembered I needed grace,
And then I chose Salvation for Salvation was for free
I tried to get enough of that to do for you and me...
Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill,
For I thought I had everything to do the Master’s will.
As I went up the aisle I saw prayer and put that in,
For I knew when I stepped outside I would run into sin
Peace and joy were plentiful song and praise were hanging near

So, I just helped myself then I said to the Angel; ‘Wow, how much do I owe.’
He smiled and said “Just take them everywhere you go.’
Again, I asked “Really now, how much do I owe?”
“My child”, he said, “God paid your bill a long time ago.”

Minutes: September minutes approved as presented.

Financial Report: Patti reported that the partner family for project 1 is two months in arrears. Pete and Donna will contact the homeowner and ascertain the problem and see if there are avenues of solution. Nellie has made repeated telephone calls to the partner family with no returned or answered calls. Dona will start checking mortgage payments on-line and will contact families when there is a problem.

Family Services: Nellie will follow-up with the project 13 partner family and try to get them into budgeting classes. We will work on setting up home visits on a quarterly basis. Nellie has a set of questions prepared for the visits. Nellie will call the partner families and invite them to the annual dinner. Donna moved that Lyle will purchase three \$100.00 gift certificates for the three families that have paid for their homes. The gift certificates will be from Lowe's and will be presented at the annual dinner. Nellie seconded. Motion carried.

Site Selection: Don Spiva, Site Selection chair stated that there are fewer potential homes for sale that don't need asbestos and lead mitigation that there once were. Don will check on a bank owned home.

Golf report: Don did extremely well. Everything went well. Patti got clarification of the costs associated with the raffle. We will get a complete accounting of the net proceeds at a future meeting. The group expressed its gratitude to Don for successfully completing such an arduous task.

Administration: Jan reported that she is still waiting to hear from Los Banos on consignment sales at their ReStore. The tables at Mercy Hospital went well with many positive reports coming back to Jan. Jan has submitted the quarterly report to HfHI. Jan will study the Thrivent Generosity Kit and report back later. It was agreed upon that the board members will arrive at 4:30 PM. on the day of the annual dinner to set up. Jan will check on paper plates, napkins, plastic flat ware and coffee supplies for the dinner and will purchase needed items before the event. Nellie will provide paper bags for the pick-a-prize raffle. Entertainment will be provided by an ukulele group. We will present the gift certificated to the families that paid off their loans at this event. The planning day will be Saturday January 14th at 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. with a light lunch provided. Jan will get some hospital volunteers to help serve and clean up at the dinner.

Old Business: Lyle moved and Don seconded raising the credit card limits for Larry and Fred on their HfHM credit cards to \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

Public Relations: George reported that the newsletter will be submitted to the printer after an article and photos from the annual dinner are included. There was some discussion of paying for the newsletter to have it published in a timelier manner. We will try one more time for the free printing and if that doesn't work out, seek bids for printing. George stated that our mailing list is shrinking and that we may need to add names soon.

Church Relations: Jan reported that monthly article sent to all churches in Atwater and Merced.

Recruitment: Jan reported that she has a couple of good prospects interested in joining our board.

ReStore Building: Lyle will be meeting with a gentleman concerning a building at the west end of main street. Lyle stated that persistence pays off. He will be sending letters to property owners in Atwater and second letters to property owners in Merced.

Quality Assurance Checklist: Jan asked for board member input on the list. Each question was orally read and discussed. Group agreement was reached on the best answer for each question. Jan was directed by the board to submit the results of the discussion to HfHI. Lyle moved to submit the Quality Assurance Checklist as completed. Donna seconded. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned: at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: George Gallaher, Secretary

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Monthly Board Meeting Sign-in Oct 24, 2016

- 1 Geese Seldin
- 2 A. Gold
- 3 Howard Michael Lachapelle
- 4 Jan Sore
- 5 Patti Houlihan
- 6 Lyle Allen
- 7 Pete Delacruz
- 8 Nellie Venegas
- 9 Dr. Siva
- 10 Denna Stall
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