

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2017

Meeting location: St. Paul Lutheran Church Parish Hall

2916 N. McKee Rd. Merced

Meeting # 278

President (Administration Chair) Jan Sorge	Present
Vice President (Recruitment Chair) Michelle Paloutzian	Present
Secretary (Public Relations) George Gallaher	Present
Treasurer Patti Houbein	Present
ReStore Resource Chair Lyle Allen	Excused
Finance Chair Donna Hall	Excused
Site Selection Chair Don Spiva	Excused
Member at Large Pete Delacruz	Present
Member at Large Fred Pillsbury	Present
Member at Large Ida Johnson	6-month sabbatical
Member at Large Xay Yang	Excused

6:30 p.m. Call to order, Jan Sorge President.

Barry Carbaugh, Larry Sorge

Devotion: Jan shared the following: Legend has it that, Dogwood once grew to the size of the Oak. Because it was strong and firm, it was chosen, according to legend, for the timber of the cross of Jesus. When the tree sorrowed over seeing such a cruel purpose, Jesus made this promise: "Never again shall the Dogwood tree grow large enough to be used for a cross. Henceforth, it shall be slender and bent and twisted, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross—two long petals and two short petals and in the center of the outer side of each petal, there shall be nail prints brown with rust-stain and blood. And in the center of the flower, there shall be an image of a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember that it was upon a Dogwood tree I was crucified and this tree shall not be mutilated or destroyed, but cherished as a reminder of 'My Death Upon the Cross.'"

Minutes: March Board minutes: Approved as written.

Financial Report: Patti reported that Aurora missed the April payment and Budina was short on her payment. Pete stated that we were unclear about the duration of the \$300.00 payments. The board agreed to extend the time for the payments until the end of the year with a review in September to see how Aurora is doing. Pete will communicate this to Aurora as soon as we have a document stating the extension drafted and ready for her signature. Jan stated that Patti will be unburdened with treasurer duties as June first. Jan will follow up with the city for the wording for a letter to get our funds from a bond that is no longer necessary. The board will need to resolve the issue with the Upson mortgage before any merger with Los Banos.

Family Services: No Report

Brush with Kindness: Larry and Barry reported they used 68 man hours installing sliding doors, security doors and fixing fen ex and roofs and a cabinet door. They also painted a duplex on Motel Drive. Larry reported that the lift gate for the truck is broken and he is seeking repairs. Larry fears that it will take a new motor to properly fix the lift gate. Their next project is to install screens on an elderly lady' home.

Site Selection No report.

Administration: Jan reported that Don Spiva has resigned. Fred moved and Michelle seconded to accept the resignation. Jan will write Don a nice letter. We need to seek a realtor to be part of our board. The next volunteer orientation will be June 21, 2017, 7 to 8 p.m. at the St. Paul Library. The annual dinner will be October 21st at 5:30 p.m. set-up 4:00 p.m. The Sierra Savings Grace Trivia Night will be Saturday June 17th at OLM on 27th Street. Donna will be our trivia team leader with Sean, Michelle and Jan participating on the team. Jan read a letter from the California HfH. They want to share proceeds from State Income tax form check off boxes but want to charge \$500.00 annual membership fee. Our share for this year would be \$1,100.00. The group decided to wait another year and see if the proceeds are worth the membership fee.

Public Relations: George reported that the newsletter was printed and mailed. Jan will write a nice letter to Allied West printing thanking them for years of free newsletters.

Church Relations: No report.

Recruitment: Michelle reported that the article she wrote for St. Patrick's will be printed for the month of June.

ReStore Research: Michelle reported that the building in Atwater was subject to a misunderstanding and probably won't be available. Michelle will continue to attend the meetings of the group of nonprofits as a method of networking with groups with similar concerns,

Other:

Jan stated that we should do well with Carl's Jr. Jan will place three different items in the local newspaper concerning the fundraiser. We will wait for the June meeting to set the date for the fund raiser at Pizza Factory. We will check at a later date with Applebee's and Chipotle.

Michelle is planning to review and possibly improve the family selection presentation.

Jan asked each board member to express their views on a possible merger with Los Banos. The consensus seemed to be that it would increase travel time for construction crews and it might be hard to keep funding sources and expenditures separate.

Meeting adjourned: at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: George Gallaher, Secretary

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George DeLocher

FRED T. PILLSBURY

Pete Delacruz

Patti Houlierin

BARRY CARBAUGH guest

Barry Arge guest

Michelle Paloutzian

Jan Arge
