

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2017
Meeting Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church Library
2916 N. McKee Rd. Merced
Meeting #279

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| President (Administration Chair) Jan Sorge | Present |
| Vice President (Recruitment Chair) Michelle Paloutzian | Present |
| Secretary (Public Relations) George Gallaher | Excused |
| Treasurer Patti Houbein | Present |
| Family Services Chair Nellie Venegas | Absent |
| ReStore Resource Chair Lyle Allen | Present |
| Finance Chair Donna Hall | Present |
| Site Selection Chair | Vacant |
| Member at Large Pete Delacruz | Present |
| Member at Large Fred Pillsbury | Present |
| Member at Large Xay Yang | Absent |
| Member at Large Sean Arnold | Excused |

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

Jan shared her sympathy for the family of Ida Johnson upon her passing and her memorials to be given to our Habitat. She so wanted a ReStore for us so hopefully that will happen as a Memorial to her.

Guests: Larry Sorge & Barry Carbaugh, Helenca Alexaner, Ashlee Williams.

Devotions: Fred Pillsburty shared Six Tiny Stories “With Great Meanings”
An excellent example of Faith, Trust, Hope, Confidence, Love and Attitude for each of us to ponder.

Jan introduced Ashlee Williams, Executive Director of the WestSide Habitat in Los Banos. Ashlee shared that Ned Ryan was moving to Southern California and he has been their stronghold in all the years since they became an Affiliate. Therefore, they have been considering a discussion on merging with our Affiliate. She shared some positives she found on the internet such as: service areas, population, donor base, volunteers, ReStore/Office, Stability, Name, Executive Director. Their Affiliate has finished 11 rehab houses with federal grant money and not satisfied with the outcome as the money coming in from those is NOT going to their Affiliate but to the grant provider., which is \$6000 a month. They have six paying mortgages and two rentals, they are building two houses and doing a stud builder fundraiser to raise money to help pay for the building costs. She is the only full time paid employee and her salary is paid for by the funds coming in from the ReStore. The ReStore is run by volunteers. They had a Women’s Build but charged teams to build and have received some negative feedback from that.

Their board is working on developing their committees to be more productive. She shared copies of their newsletter which is very professionally done in color and a flyer for their fundraiser. Any of our board members are invited to attend their next board meeting, Wednesday, July 26th at 5 p.m. Their board consists of ten members at present. She will send Jan an email with all the info and address before the meeting so anyone can attend. Jan will be on vacation.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 22nd board meeting were approved as written.

Financial Report: Treasurer Patti Houbein shared that Aurora had made a \$300 payment on June 16th but never paid anything in April or May. Pete will call her and set up an appointment with her, Pete and Jan to discuss the seriousness of missing these payments. Everyone else is current.

A new credit card has been ordered for Barry & Jerry who help Larry with the Brush with Kindness projects. Larry's card was used in Florida for unauthorized charges so Patti shut it down. Carl's Junior fundraiser brought us around \$85 which was 25% of all their income for those two days at both locations. We'll definitely do more of these next fall.

Patti has agreed to finish out the fiscal year through June 30. Jan asked Donna to take over as treasurer, and Sean Arnold will assist if needed. Patti assured her the Quickbooks provides a tutorial and is very easy to use. She will consider it seriously.

Family Services: Nellie Venegas, absent.

Construction Co Chairs: Larry Sorge & Barry Carbaugh shared that three more Brush with Kindness projects have been completed. These are Senior citizens with fixed incomes and not physically able to do the repairs needed. Donations are coming in and the truck is full plus two storage units so that is a challenge. They have doors to pick up Wednesday - at least 9 doors in frames from a contractor's shop.

ReStore Research Chair Lyle Allen: Lyle reported that a contact with Jim Passadori and his brother Steve in Atwater on 3rd and Broadway has resulted in a meeting set for Tuesday at 3 p.m. to do a presentation for him. Their next door Hardware store is closed and the building is for rent. It is around 5000 sq ft plus an upstairs balcony that could be used for office or storage. Emails will be sent out after the meeting to share the results.

Lyle has received info on Tech Soup to get software, etc. at a very reduced price for non profits. Michelle shared that we have ordered from them previously.

Committee reports:

Administration: Jan write the letter to Kevin at Allied West to thank him for the years of printing our newsletter without costs. A copy of the letter is in the agenda packet. Jan talked to Frank Quintero and he suggested we wait until January when the money matures. Patti said the money was already there and waiting for a letter from Frank so Jan will call Frank again and say we want the money now as West America says they have it all. So that will be done.

Annual meeting/potluck is on the church calendar for Sat. Oct. 28th at 5:30 p.m. Set up at 4 p.m.

Sierra Saving Grace Trivia Night – Donna and Michelle shared it was a lot of fun and hope that we can participate fully the next time – in the fall when they share the profits with Habitat.

Jan asked the board members to come in July ready to set dates for the fundraisers for the fall:

Pizza Factory – 15%

Carls' Junior – 25%

Applebees (Donna will get the info before that date)

Chipotles' – Sean will fill out the application online once we set the date – 50%

Jan did a Volunteer Orientation on Wed. June 21st and had four volunteers there. Two UCMerced students and a father and son. All very interested in getting to work as a volunteer for Habitat. Computer experiences and hands on projects.

Public Relations – George – absent

Church Relations – Jan - no new news to report. Another Volunteer Orientation may be held in mid August if we have several new applications. If we get the ReStore building, there will be a great need for a lot of volunteers.

Recruitment: Michelle reported that a person who contacted her was very interested and supposed to attend the meeting but didn't come, so she will contact her again. She has non profit and administrative experience. Jan has talked to a Realtor which we could definitely use on the Board as well as a lawyer.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Fred Pillsbury, Notetaker