

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2017

Meeting location: St. Paul Lutheran Church Library
2916 N. McKee Rd. Merced
Meeting # 280

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

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

Guests: Barry Carbaugh, Larry Sorge

Devotion: Sean shared the following

Subject: The Back Nine food for thought

The difference in golf and government is that in golf you can't improve your lie.

I FIRST STARTED READING THIS EMAIL & WAS READING FAST UNTIL I REACHED THE THIRD SENTENCE. I STOPPED AND STARTED OVER READING SLOWER AND THINKING ABOUT EVERY WORD. THIS EMAIL IS VERY THOUGHT PROVOKING. MAKES YOU STOP AND THINK. READ SLOWLY!

AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know ... time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... the back nine of my life and it catches me by surprise... How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is... my friends are retired and getting grey... they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me... but, I see the great change.... Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant... but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so... now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long it will last... this I know, that when it's over on this earth... it's over. A new adventure will begin! Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done... things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the back nine yet... let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the back nine or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life... so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember... and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE

A GREAT DAY Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

LASTLY, CONSIDER THIS:

- Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect!
 - Going out is good... Coming home is better!
 - You forget names.... But it's **OK** because some people forgot they even knew you!!!
 - You realize you're never going to be good at anything like golf.
 - The things you used to care to do, you aren't as interested in anymore, but you really don't care that you aren't as interested.
 - You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV 'ON' than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".
 - You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.
 - You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what? "... "when?" ...???
 - You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!
 - What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
 - Everybody whispers.
 - You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.
 - - - But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!
- Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!! It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.
- TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN; YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS
- "Do Not Regret Growing Older. It is a Privilege Denied to Many. "

Minutes: June Board minutes: Approved as written.

Passadori's Building Report: Barry reported on the proposed ReStore site. Sean researched and found a reasonably priced CAS architect to certify the restroom at the site is handicapped accessible. We have paid \$750.00 of the \$1,500.00 fee with the landlord paying the other half of the fee. The certificate will keep the affiliate from being sued for not having a certified restroom. Barry reported that we need to keep a 44" aisle from the front door to the restroom for proper access. The check-out counter needs to be one inch shorter and the exit sign needs to be lowered with a few other signs needing modification. Barry reported on some concerns with the proposed lease agreement:

1. Need the true owner's name on the lease;
2. Need an out clause in the beginning of the document;
3. "NNN" taxes and insurance need to be paid by the landlord;
4. Repairs should be the owner's responsibility;
5. Need a definition of hazardous materials;
6. Need clarification about storing property of others.

This is just the first part of the agreement with many questions about the remaining pages. Pete suggested we retain an attorney to interpret the document. Michelle will contact Jim Padrone to if he can help or refer us to an attorney who specializes in real estate matters. If available at the time, Barry will be glad to accompany Michelle to speak with an attorney. Larry and Barry expressed concern about the construction crew having responsibility for the layout of the store. Michelle and Sean will develop the layout of the store and the construction crew will build shelving to their specifications.

Financial Report: Jan will check with WestAmerica Bank on the ownership and transfer requirements of our performance bond with the City of Merced. Ms. Andrade paid \$400.00 making all partner families caught up with their mortgages.

Motion to approve as signers on bank account, Donna, Sean, Michelle, Jan and Lyle was moved by Fred and seconded by Pete. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Donna treasurer and Sean Finance Committee chair was moved by Fred and seconded by Pete. Motion carried.

Family Services: No Report

Site Selection No report.

Administration: Jan reported we received a thank you for the donation for the writing shack. George was directed by Jan to mail the thank you to Mrs. Sanford. Xay Yang has resigned because of her husband's illness. Donna moved and Michelle seconded accepting her resignation. Motion carried. Jan will write her a letter thanking her for her service. August 30 is U.C. Merced Public Service Acquaintance Day. Jan will try to find volunteers to man a booth there. We will try to have a fundraiser at a restaurant every three months or so. September will be Chipotle's time. Sean will make the arrangements and let us know the details and the date.

Public Relations: George reported that we have tried to obtain e-mail addresses from donors to allow for an electronic newsletter. Up to now most efforts have not been favorable for this endeavor. Therefore, we will keep mailing newsletters. Michelle will mail files containing our logo to Donna and Sean.

Recruitment: Michelle had nothing new to report.

Other:

Fred will write a letter to Darrel's Storage to keep our free storage compartment. The construction crew will let Fred know a couple months in advance if and when we no longer need the storage space in Atwater.

Meeting adjourned: at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: George Gallaher, Secretary

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