

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County
Minutes May 13th, 2008 Meeting #172
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
2916 N. McKee Rd.
Merced, CA 95340

President: Michelle Paloutzian present	Vice President: George Gallaher present
Secretary: Mary Ann Reynolds Excused	Treasurer: Hilda Miranda Excused
Finance Chair: Patti Houbein present	Administrative Chair: Donna Hall present
Public Information Chair: Bill Sanford present	Volunteer Chair: Patti Houbein present
Church Relations Chair: Jan Sorge present	Family Selection/Partnership: Diane Bair present
Fund Raising Chair: Pat Shay present	Construction Chair: Lyle Allen present
Site Selection Chair: Jim Tolladay present	Member-at-Large: Fred Pillsbury present
Member-at-Large: Fernando Bravo absent	Member-at-Large: Genny Mesa excused
Visitors: Richard Marterrollo, Shauna Weiss, Joseph Weiss, Harriett ?	

Call to order: 7:02 pm

Devotion: Jan Sorge read a story about a man who traded marbles with poor children for groceries. The grocer would never take good marbles for the food. At the man's funeral the grown-up poor children dropped their best marbles into the man's hand.

Minutes of April 8th meeting were approved Moved by Diane Bair and Seconded by Lyle Allen.

Treasurer's Report: No treasurer's report

Committee Reports:

- A. Administration/ Public Information: Bill reported that: Tonight is the deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter. Bill reported on the opening of the Baskin Robbins shop in Atwater and the \$500.00 donation and the lack of press at the event. Bill wrote an article and submitted it to the newspaper. We are moving forward with St. Patrick's and a musical fund raiser. Bill reported that insurance has been found for the Montarosa home and asked that we approve paying \$592.00 to insure this home. Bill Moved and Lyle seconded, Motion passed.
- B. Fund Raising: Pat suggested that we develop a summary of last year's expenses and develop a budget for this year. A budget is required for most grants.
- C. Family Selection: Diane reported that she could use assistance with reviewing the twenty-nine applications we have received. She also reported that the majority of the applications are incomplete and that she will need to write letters to each applicant to request more information. Diane stated that having a form letter with mail-merge capabilities would be extremely helpful. The board asked if volunteers could help with the process. Diane stated that

confidentiality issues make it a job better suited to board members. We will meet at Diane's home on Thursday May 22, 2008 to go over the applications and to set up the form letters.

- D. Site Selection: Lyle presented an interesting movie about building homes with poured concrete using Styrofoam forms. Reported that the city is still working on the deeds and that Mr. Tolladay is working with his former architectural firm to draw the blue prints for our next home. Lyle will get them approved when they are completed.
- E. Volunteers: No report

Old Business:

- A. Michelle and George had Adobe Acrobat[®] approved for purchase Jim moved and Jan seconded. The motion carried.
- B. IRS Determination letter. Patti will research this issue.
- C. Mrs. Mesa has arranged for the group to meet at the First Church of God on Fruitland Ave in Atwater for the summer months.

New Business:

- A. Report from Los Banos. They are getting lots from the city. They have funds invested in high yielding bonds which bring in as much as a stay at home tea. They are considering building duplex or other multiple family units on their property. They will find a way to deliver separate deeds to families and may organize a home owner's organization to help maintain the properties.

Next Meeting: June 10th at 7:00pm

Adjourned at 8:41 pm. Moved by Lyle Allen Seconded by Fred Pillsbury.

Submitted by George Gallaher for Mary Ann Reynolds