

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County  
Minutes June 10th 2008 Meeting #173  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
2916 N. McKee Rd.  
Merced, CA 95340

President: Michelle Paloutzian present  
Secretary: Mary Ann Reynolds present  
Volunteer/Finance Chair: Patti Houbein present  
Public Information Chair: Bill Sanford present  
Family Selection/Partnership: Diane Bair present  
Construction Chair: Lyle Allen present  
Member-at-Large: Fred Pillsbury present  
Member-at-Large: Genny Mesa present

Vice President: George Gallaher excused  
Treasurer: Hilda Miranda excused  
Administrative Chair: Donna Hall present  
Church Relations Chair: Jan Sorge present  
Fund Raising Chair: Pat Shay present  
Site Selection Chair: Jim Tolladay present  
Member-at-Large: Fernando Bravo absent

Call to order: 7:07pm

Devotion: Fred read the devotion.

Minutes of May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. Mary Ann asked for volunteers to share the minute-taking responsibilities while she is unable to attend the next four meetings. Bill, Genny, and Jan volunteered. It was suggested that George would also help. Bill said he would do it for the July meeting.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Committee Reports:

- A. Administration/ Public Information: Bill reported that the newsletter was at the printers and would be in the mail next week. A letter has been received from the City of Merced regarding extending our present contract for a waste disposal site. A motion was passed to renew the contract.
- B. Fund Raising: Pat reported that she has had further discussions with the owner of the Castle property. It was decided to form a committee and proceed with plans to rent the property and establish a Restore.
- C. Construction: Lyle reported that he had received permission from his Visalia contact person to use their house plans using poured concrete with Styrofoam forms. He will now get bids on the two construction plans to compare costs. Lyle reported that he had contacted Mayor Ellie Wooten regarding the length of time it was taking for Habitat to exchange titles with the City for the three South Merced properties. She immediately contacted the Redevelopment Department. He also reported contacts he has had with Ronald Walker who owns a house on Gerard Ave. Mr. Walker wants to donate the house and property. Lyle read a letter he will send to Mr. Walker expressing Habitat's interest in the house and property. It was agreed to send the letter to Mr. Walker and to Board members.

- D. Site Selection: Jim also reported that Ellie Wooten had spoken to people in the City's Redevelopment Department which had immediate results. Jim now has been given specific dates. On July 21<sup>st</sup> the City Council will be presented with the City's proposal to exchange property titles with Habitat for the three South Merced properties. On August 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a Public Hearing and after 30 days escrow can then close. After Habitat gets title to the three properties, we have to then go to the Planning Department to get a permit to build two houses on the West 8<sup>th</sup> St. property.
- E. Church Relations: Jan reported that she will start visiting churches in the fall.
- F. Family Selection: Diane handed out information her committee used for evaluating families. Her committee has selected five viable families. A motion was passed to get a credit report on these five families. At the moment we are wanting to select two families.

New Business:

1. Budget: Genny will be putting together a budget. She asked that each committee chairperson submit their particular budget needs to her as soon as possible.
2. Site of meetings for next 6 months: Genny has arranged the venue for the Board meetings for July-December 2008. They will be at the First Church of God on 2100 Fruitland Ave. in Atwater. She will be sending out directions to Board members.
3. Annual Dinner: The date is November 8<sup>th</sup> and Bill will be checking with the Hoffmeister Center to confirm the date.

Next Meeting: July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00pm at the First Church of God in Atwater.

Adjourned at 8:25pm

Submitted by Mary Ann Reynolds