

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County
Minutes February 10th, 2009 Meeting #181
Gateway Community Church

President: Michelle Paloutzian present
Secretary: Genny M Mesa absent
Volunteer/Finance Chair: Patti Houbein present
Public Information Chair: Bill Sanford present
Family Selection/Partnership: Pete Delacruz excused
Construction Chair: Lyle Allen present
Member at Large: Fred Pillsbury present
Member at Large: Diane Bair present

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

MSC: Motion, second, carried

Call to order: 7:102 p.m. by President Michelle Paloutzian.

A quorum was present.

Minutes: January 13th & January 24th 2009 – MSC – Motion from Lyle; 2nd Fred: Carried.

Devotion:

Bill Sanford read the last Chapter of Matthew in honor of Millard Fuller. The read passage is reported to have been Mr. Fuller's favorite Bible verse. Bill spoke of his correspondence with Mr. Fuller. Mr. Sanford was instrumental in Mr. Fuller speaking in Atwater in 1985. Bill also read a portion of a sermon he had delivered concerning Mr. Fuller. To conclude the devotional Bill read from the Albany Georgia Newspaper and closed with a prayer.

Treasurer's Report:

Patti distributed copies of the latest Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept report from Bill: 2nd Fred: Carried

Committee Reports:

Public Information Report:

No Report

Administration:

Bill reported that 651 newsletters were mailed at a cost of \$104.16. He suggested that the board ponder the wisdom of mailing such a large quantity of newsletters in the future. Fred added that postage is slated to increase in the near future. Jan stated that she feels the postage cost for that volume of mail is reasonable.

On February 21, 2009 the Lutheran Church in Mariposa, Ca is holding an event and wants a partner family member to speak. Fernando Bravo and Kathy Upson have agreed

to present at the event. Lyle moved that the board pay the gasoline used by the partner family members to travel to and from the event. Jan seconded and the motion carried.

Bill reported that he has secured the Hoffmeister Center for our annual dinner on November 7th of this year.

Bill reported that the affiliate has received a letter from Habitat International acknowledging our tithe for over \$700.00 and suggesting that we publicize the international reach of our local affiliate.

We received a letter from Dave Heatland requesting the building of a handicapped ramp at the COVE office at Canal and 25th street. Bill referred Dave to the Lion's Club for materials and we discussed having Habitat volunteers supplying the labor. Lyle volunteered to accompany Gordy Phillips to access the job and draw up a list of needed building materials. This matter will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Construction Report:

Lyle reported that he received a statement from Golden Valley Engineering for \$735.00 dated June 30, 2005 for elevation certification for Kathy Upson's house. Lyle will pay the bill. The current site is elevated properly and compacted. The current rain will help the process.

Lyle is investigating the purchase of a 6" X 6' X 20' temporary power pole. The cost can be amortized over the next four builds.

The fill material for the current and next build cost \$2,100.00.

Lyle suggested that the affiliate sell the stock that is held by UBS and deposit the proceeds into the checking account. Patti and Hilda will research the process for selling the stock.

Bill Moved to authorize the President, Vice-President and the Secretary or two of the three elected officers to complete the transaction. 2nd by Lyle, Motion Carried.

As promised at the planning session, Lyle gave Patti a preliminary budget for the current build.

Site Selection:

Jim reported that the Redevelopment Agency's Design Review Committee Meets February 11th at City Hall. He and Lyle plan attending. There are some minor revisions suggested for the plans including an irrigation system for all planted areas, shutters on the garage window facing the street, wooden fences and minor changes to setback measurements. Once the Design Review committee approves the plans they can be given to the city building department for review and a building permit can soon follow.

Family Selection Report:

Diane reported that the current family has withdrawn their application for ownership. Diane has given an application to a lady who has been featured in the newspaper. Lyle asked Diane to secure the Family's withdrawal in writing to avoid future conflict should they change their mind in the future.

Diane submitted her official written resignation as chair person of the Family Services Committee.

Fundraising Report:

Jan reported that the Save-Mart cards aren't here yet. She also reported that she hasn't yet check with the County Fair Grounds about renting their commercial kitchens.

Church Relations Report:

Jan reported that she is getting a representative from each local church to act as a go between the affiliate and their church. Jan has submitted an article to each church with hopes they will include it in their bulletin or newsletter. Jan will be speaking at the Merced United Methodist Church in the near future. Bill will deliver a sermon about Habit for Humanity at the United Methodist Church in Merced this spring.

Volunteers Report:

Patti is working on a letter to volunteers. George will get mailing labels to Genny so the letter can be mailed in a timely manner. In an effort to have 200 identical pieces of mail, the board and local churches will also receive the communication. Patti has compiled lists of volunteers willing to participate in various functions within our organization. She is in the process of distributing the lists to the proper board members.

Nomination Committee Report:

No Report

Michelle stated that we have a booth at a bicycle race in Merced on February 28th and that it will be manned for the entire day.

Michelle asked the board's pleasure on the purchase of shirts bearing the Habitat for Humanity logo. The group voted for gray polo shirts. Twelve of these will cost \$350.00 plus tax. Jan Moved Patti Seconded that Michelle be authorized to purchase 12 shirts at \$350.00 plus tax. Motion Carried

Jan spoke about a search engine named goodsearch.com that pays organizations every time a member conducts a search using this venue. Jan was authorized to register our affiliate and distribute information to board members and other interested parties.

Adjournment: Fred moved to close: Bill 2nd: Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by George Gallaher for Genny Mesa