

**Habitat for Humanity of Merced County
Minutes August 11th, 2009 Meeting #187
Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

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

Vice President: George Gallaher present
Treasurer: Hilda Miranda excused
Administrative Chair: Donna Hall excused
Church Relations Chair: Jan Sorge present
Site Selection Chair; Jim Tolladay excused
Member at Large: Diane Bair absent
Visitor: Rosanna Lopez

MSC: Motion, second, carried

Call to order:

7:07 p.m. by President Michelle Paloutzian.

A quorum was present.

Minutes:

Minutes for June and July moved to approve F. Pillsbury Seconded J. Sorge. Motion carried.

Devotion:

Fred Pillsbury: "Story of a U.S. Marine whose life was saved by a spider web covering the entrance to the cave in which he was hiding."

Treasurer's Report

Patti Houbein distributed copies of the treasurer's report prepared by H. Miranda. J. Sorge Moved F. Pillsbury seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by F. Pillsbury and Seconded by B. Sanford a motion to grant Lyle Allen permission to cancel the earthquake insurance mistakenly added to the policies for the Monterroza and Upson properties. Motion Carried.

Bill Sanford will contact an acquaintance about performing an audit of the affiliate's finances.

Committee Reports:

Administration:

Bill Sanford reported the need for more printed business envelopes. Michelle stated she has some she will share. We will wait until the current supply is almost exhausted before having more printed. It was suggested that Mrs. Mesa's business should be our first choice as printer for this project.

Construction Report:

Lyle Allen stated that there seems to be more police calls in the area of our next build than in most areas of the city. Lyle will speak with the pastor of Sacred Heart Church to

determine if he would feel comfortable with a parishioner living at the address. Lyle will also contact two other churches in the area that seem to be open only on Sunday.

Lyle will speak with John Frank of the Merced City Planning Department about recombining the lots we recently split.

Lyle is looking into foreclosed homes and the cost of lots that have the building fees prepaid.

Site Selection:

No Report

Family Selection Report:

Pete reported that the committee has made a home visit and is almost ready to recommend a family to the board. He had George share the PowerPoint presentation with the committee and will have Lyle speak to the family about how the home is financed. Bill Sanford will arrange for the committee to meet some partner families and see their homes.

Fundraising Report:

We have received the first check for the SaveMart Shares program.

Church Relations Report:

Jan reported that there has been little response to the bulletin article she sent to local churches. She will try again and asks us to see if the information appears in our church newsletters. Jan's efforts did get some members for Pete's committee.

Volunteers Report:

Patti is looking for a new Volunteer Committee Chair as she will soon become our treasurer. She has an individual in mind and will contact her soon. Kiwins are scheduled to work at our annual dinner.

Nomination Committee Report:

George introduced Rosanna Lopez and allowed Rosanna to speak briefly about herself and her hopes for the organization. Rosanna was the only respondent to our newspaper article. Current board members will be receiving nomination renewal letters in the near future. Bill Sanford has some contacts for potential board members that he will forward to George for follow-up.

Adjournment:

Lyle Allen moved to adjourn, seconded by George. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:57p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by George Gallaher for Genny Mesa