

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County
Minutes October 13th, 2009 Meeting #189
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

President: Michelle Paloutzian present
Secretary: Genny M Mesa absent
Volunteer/Finance Chair:
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: Patti Houbein present
Administrative Chair: Donna Hall present
Church Relations Chair: Jan Sorge present
Site Selection Chair: Jim Tolladay present
Member at Large: Diane Bair absent
Member at Large: Hilda Miranda excused

MSC: Motion, second, carried

Call to order:

7:04 P.M. by President Michelle Paloutzian.

A quorum was present.

Minutes:

Minutes for September were moved for approval without correction by F. Pillsbury
Seconded Bill Sanford. Motion carried.

Devotion:

Michelle Paloutzian: *"Hello; is anyone there?"* Spoke to the presence of God even when we aren't always aware of his presence.

Treasurer's Report

Patti Houbein is working on the report and it will be forthcoming. Patti has contacted an accountant who will complete a compilation at little to no cost.

Committee Reports:

Administration:

Bill Sanford reported the receipt of two insurance refund checks which reflect a recent denial on our part to refuse earthquake insurance. The escrow accounts for the Bravos will reflect an increase of \$225.00 and the Rosas will increase in the amount of \$248.00. Bill also needs to be reimbursed \$94.30 for the postage expense incurred mailing 604 flier for the annual dinner.

Construction Report:

Lyle Allen reported that the Valley Community High School instructor has been ill but is ready to proceed when the compaction and moisture tests are completed. The Court and Community school students will clear weeds from the site for the tests and will proceed with trenching after the setbacks and elevation have been established.

Site Selection:

No Report

Family Selection Report:

Pete Delacruz reported that there are many legal requirements that must be met to insure that the selected family has been honestly and fairly selected with no real or perceived advantages over any other family selected. Pete and Lyle will meet with the proposed partner family to explain the requirements, expectations and procedures associated with purchasing a home from Habitat for Humanity of Merced County. Michelle will deliver a homeowner's manual to Pete who will deliver it to the family.

Fundraising Report:

No report

Church Relations Report:

Jan Sorge has sent annual dinner flyers to churches for posting and an abbreviated flyer for inclusion in church bulletins. Jan will also send flyers to community agencies on her contact list.

Volunteers Report:

No report

Nomination Committee Report:

George Gallaher reported the future need of a Family Services committee chairperson. He also stated his slow progress in finding new board members. Bill Sanford gave a short biography on two qualified individuals who may be interested in joining the board.

General:

Donna Hall will contact Merced's mayor as a potential speaker for the Annual Dinner. If no other speaker is found, Bill Sanford is willing to deliver a talk that he's successfully delivered to service clubs and churches. Bill will develop a dinner program in conjunction with Michelle. Bill will be responsible for printing the agreed upon programs. Patti will purchase decorations. Fred will obtain the key to the hall and flags for the event. Michelle will make signs for the doors and purchase any supplies needed for the event. All board members who are available need to help decorate the hall at 9:00 A.M., Saturday November 7, 2009. Board members are expected to bring a raffle prize to the dinner. The board member can purchase a prize or have one donated. The value of the prize should be in the \$20.00 to \$30.00 range. George will take the soiled table linen to be laundered and will return the clean items to the church.

Jan and Michelle participated in the "Pedal Merced" event. Children and their fathers stopped at our booth and built homes from "Lincoln Logs". Many people signed volunteer forms and the event was quite successful.

Michelle asked for Volunteers for the "Lights on After School" event on October 22 at 6:00 P.M. No one volunteered for the event.

Jan stated that we need to prepare something for Habitat Day in future years and that the event should be added to our planning calendar. It was noted that Bill Sanford submitted photos to a visual petition submitted to the White House as part of the Habitat Day event.

Adjournment:

Donna moved to adjourn, seconded by Jim. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by George Gallaher for Genny Mesa