

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County
Minutes December 8th, 2009 Meeting #191
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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

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

MSC: Motion, second, carried

Call to order:

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

Minutes:

Minutes for November were moved for approval with one date correction by George Gallaher, Seconded Jan Sorge. Motion carried.

Devotion:

Jan Sorge: *"Frogs in a Pit"* A story about a frog having difficulty jumping out of a pit who mistook discouraging words as the words of encouragement that became his motivation to escape the pit. Moral: Be careful what you say. An encouraging word can go a long way. People should always think before they speak.

Treasurer's Report

Patti Houbein distributed a report dated July through October. Patti explained that two bank statements are still going to Hilda. Patti is seriously considering getting the information on line for a \$7.00 monthly fee.

Patti will speak at the Lion's Club on January 14, 2010. Patti attended a function sponsored by the United Way where she briefly spoke about our cause. United Way added over \$200.00 to our quarterly allocation and presented the check to Patti at the function. Patti contacted a person from St. Anthony's Youth Organization who is going to have youth deliver "Cars for Homes" door hangers in the Atwater Area.

Committee Reports:

Administration:

Bill Sanford reported that the next newsletter will be published following framing in January.

Bill forwarded an insurance statement to Donna Hall.

Public Information:

Bill proposed that a short explanation of our process, including the fact that the partner family pays for their home, be developed and distributed in the area close to our current build.

Construction Report:

Lyle Allen reported by e-mail that the Valley Community High School has trenched the footings and is working on the foundation. Lyle Allen has contacted Fred Hightower who has agreed to frame the current home tentatively in January. Lyle is also working to find someone to lay the waste lines. Lyle has paid all the property taxes and is in need of the checkbook.

Site Selection:

No Report

Family Selection Report:

No Report

Fundraising Report:

No report

Church Relations Report:

Jan Sorge reported the receipt of a check for around \$57.00 from Save-Mart's SHARES program. Jan also stated that she needs to know if Habitat for Humanity material is not appearing in church bulletins.

Volunteers Report:

No report

Nomination Committee Report:

Bill Sanford reported that Ying Yang was invited to tonight's meeting and will begin his tenure in January. George Gallaher reported that he would add Mr. Yang to the board E-mail list. George also reported that Mr. Worden would be added to the Nominating Committee Report when he makes a definite commitment.

General:

Meeting location for Jan-Jun 2010: The conference room at **Kemper CPA Group LLP, 3168 Collins Drive, Suite B in Merced.** Collins Drive is off Olive Avenue between Cool Hand Luke and Burger King. The office is in the building with burgundy awnings directly behind Cool Hand Luke. After turning onto Collins Drive from Olive Avenue, board members can use the second parking lot entrance on the right.

Planning meeting, time and topics: Saturday January 9, 2010, 9:00A.M. through 4:00 P.M. United Methodist Church in Livingston. Bill will provide Michelle with the address and Michelle will distribute it to the rest of the board. Michelle will develop a plan for a potluck lunch. Topics include but aren't limited to:

1. Office
2. Fund Raising
3. Publicity/Events

Contact Michelle with additions to the agenda.

Adjournment:

Fred moved to adjourn, seconded by Patti. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by George Gallaher for Genny Mesa