

**Habitat for Humanity of Merced Count  
Minutes of February 9, 2010 Meeting #193  
Kemper CPA Group, LLP**

President: Michelle Paloutzian, excused  
Secretary, Genny M. Mesa, excused  
Administrative Chair, Donna Hall, present  
Public Information Chair, Bill Sanford, present  
Site Selection Chair: Jim Tolladay, present  
Construction Chair: Lyle Allen excused  
Member at Large: Fred Pillsbury  
Member at Large: Diane Bair, absent

Vice President: George Gallaher, excused  
Treasurer/Finance Chair: Patti Houbein, present  
Church Relations Chair: Jan Sorge, present  
Family Selection/Partnership:  
Member at Large: Pete Delacruz  
Member at Large: Ying Yang  
Member at Large: Hilda Miranda, excused  
Guest: Linton Wollen

The meeting was called to order by Bill Sanford, due to the excused absences of Michelle and George.

Devotions were read by Bill Sanford entitled "Human Focus of Habitat", written by Terry Pekow from Habitat of Canada.

**Administration:**

Bill read a letter from Habitat of Mariposa praising the attendance and testimony of Fernando Bravo at their meeting. He was very inspirational and informative.

MSC Fred/Patti to approve the minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Treasurer's Report: MSC Jan/Pete to approve a meeting of Patti and an accountant to have some training on Quickbooks for our financial records. Patti is working with Hilda as well and hopes to have some reports ready for the March meeting.

MSC for a Memorial Stone in memory of Barbara Allen be placed at the new Habitat Home.

MSC Jim/Fred to print 1000 envelopes and insert information paper to go in the "Stay At Home Tea" letters in place of the printed envelopes we have had in the past. This will be cost effective.

Bill invited signatures on a petition to put an initiative measure on the November ballot. If the measure passed, it would establish an \$18 annual state vehicle license surcharge and would grant free admission to all state parks to surcharged vehicles.

Patti shared that Elmer Lorenzi still has the building available across from Bank of America for rent. Bill will check with Pat Shay on the Atwater Signal building in Atwater that is vacant.

Construction: Jim shared that there was a problem in the waste lines at the site. The City had told them to connect in the street and the inspector came out and told them those lines were abandoned and not useable. They have to change all the lines to the alley to hook up.

Church Relations: Jan Sorge shared that the date, Friday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> is confirmed for the Hoffmeister Center for our Annual Meeting. A certificate of Insurance will need to be sent to them, there will not be a charge, but they would appreciate a donation. Monthly updates for Habitat are being emailed to churches for their newsletters and bulletins.

Volunteers: Jan has sent out an email to have a Volunteer meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the home of Lyle Allen. We want to utilize the volunteers who have sent in their volunteer forms.

Planning discussion was tabled until Michelle & George could be present.

Family Selection acceptance letter was reviewed. A financial budget workshop is coming up at Gateway that Donna will get info on to forward on to Conception Madrid, our family for the Habitat Home. Pete wants to work with Lyle and Steve as mentors for Conception.

Dates to keep in view:

September – International Day of Prayer

October – World Habitat Day

October 30 – Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Annual Meeting at Hoffmeister Center

Bill & George will have a draft of the Teabag letter at the March meeting for approval. The letter will be mailed March 24<sup>th</sup> – which is a good target date before Easter and found to be an excellent time for fundraising.

Construction celebration date – possible March 27<sup>th</sup>, this will be discussed at March meeting

Apostle's Build idea will be sent to the churches for covering the cost of a room, etc. of our Habitat house. Lyle will get the cost list together and get them to Jan for the church emails.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Jan Sorge, Notetaker