

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County
Minutes September 14th, 2010 Meeting #200
Mesa Business Solutions, Atwater, CA

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

Vice President; George Gallaher present
Treasurer/finance chair: Patti Houbein present
Church Relations/volunteer Chair: Jan Sorge present
Family Selection/Partnership: Pete Delacruz excused
Construction Chair: Lyle Allen present
Member at Large: Hilda Miranda excused

MSC: Motion, second, carried

Call to order:

7:03 P.M. by President Michelle Paloutzian.

Minutes:

Minutes for August were approved Moved by Jim Tolladay, Seconded by Lyle Allen, Motion carried.

Devotion:

Jim Tolladay: *Cherokee Indian Youth Rite of Passage* When young Cherokee men participate in the rite of passage they are blind folded and asked to sit on a tree stump all night until the first rays of morning sun hit their blindfold. Once they have gone through this ritual, they can tell no one about their experience. Imagine sitting blindfolded in the forest all night, the sounds you might hear. Wild animals no doubly would pass nearby. Upon feeling the sun's early rays of warmth and light, the first thing the youth sees in his father sitting beside him on the stump. The father has stayed, silently, by his son's side the entire night in order to protect the youth from danger. The message of this story is that just because we can't see God it doesn't mean that he's not there. We need to walk by faith not sight

Treasurer's Report

Patti Houbein distributed financial reports through June30, 2010. Patti will work with Hilda to bring the records up to date. There was a question about assert #1040 UBS Financial Equities Acct 98 valued at \$1,908.60. Patti will check to ensure that this asset has been sold and revise the balance sheet to state the true value of our holdings. Patti and Diane Bair will meet with three families and explain to them about direct deposit of their monthly mortgage payment. Patti will check with the bank to investigate the possibility of having contributors automatically deduct set amounts from their bank accounts each monthly.

Committee Reports:

Administration:

Bill Sanford reported that the State Board of Equalization seems to be believe we need to file a form 199 or be in jeopardy of a severe penalty and/or fine. Patti will look into the

matter, it is her belief that the organization needs to have a net income of \$25,000.00 three years in a row in order to be required to file this form. Patti also noted the state has the ending of our fiscal year in correctly listed. Patti will investigate the matter and take the proper action.

Public Information:

Bill Sanford visited with Isabel Castro and discovered they are the same age. The newsletter is ready for publication except for some photos. As soon as the photos are available, the newsletter will go to press.

Construction Report:

Lyle Allen reported that he is waiting on the framing crew and that all necessary concrete work is completed. The city inspector recommended that a new sewer line be installed on the alley. Lyle received a low estimate of \$1,800.00 for the new sewer line. This estimate includes a trench from the city easement to the sewer line extending from the house. Lyle will use a sweeping 90 degree elbow or two 45 degree elbows at the clean out behind the house depending on the rate of drop between the two connections. Jim suggested that a clean out be placed at the end of the city easement so city crews can clean out their lines without having to go to the house. Lyle will set fence posts at the back of the lot with provisions for a double gate that has one side for walking in and the other gate wide enough to allow vehicles access. Stringers and fence boards will be attached after the sewer line is completed.

Site Selection:

Jim plans to work on the blueprints for the next home while recuperating from back surgery.

Family Selection Report:

Jan and Michelle will begin the process of selecting a family for our eighth street home after the holidays.

Fundraising Report:

No report

Church Relations Report:

Jan has contacted many churches and plans to invite pastors from local churches to our annual dinner.

Volunteers Report:

Jan Sorge reported that the list from U.C. Merced needs to be in a more user friendly form. George will attempt to convert it into a spreadsheet.

Nomination Committee Report:

George distributed forms to those board members in attendance and will send forms by mail or E-Mail to those not in attendance. He stated that the present board is well suited to our goal and that he hoped there would be few resignations. Bill stated that one

individual he has been in contact with has definitely refused an invitation to sit on our board. Bill is in contact with another individual.

General:

UC Merced Community Involvement Day: Michelle stated that she felt our time there was well spent. She made positive contact with several organizations involved in volunteer work and with interested individuals associated with the University. Over sixty names and E-Mail addresses were collected at the event.

Annual Dinner October 30, 2010 We still need to determine the precise status of Isabel's mortgage before celebrating its completion. Patti will check with Hilda to see what was promised about the next property tax payment. Michelle is still working on obtaining a speaker. Jan brought a sample pumpkin filled with fall flowers. The cost is \$16.20apiece. After some discussion it was decided to purchase ten of these centerpieces and to offer them for sale at \$15.00 toward the end of the dinner. Those not sold will be raffled with the rest of the raffle objects. Jim moved and Fred seconded this decision. The motion carried.

All board members are urged to bring an item to be raffled. Members of the general public who wish to can also contribute items for the raffle.

Michelle will finish the Annual Dinner Flyer and Genny will print and mail it. George will provide mailing labels which will include any individuals forwarded to him by board members. The mailing labels shall include the words "Or Current Resident."

Office: Michelle viewed the facilities at the Food Bank. All attending board members agreed that an office is a positive step for the organization. The question is how much will it cost and can we have signage attached to the front of the building. Michelle will investigate these issues and report at the next board meeting.

Planning Meeting: Michelle stated that a four hour planning meeting will occur on January 22nd 2011 at a place yet to be determined.

Family Selection Volunteer meeting: Michelle will work more closely with this group in the future. A tentative meeting date is set for February 5, 2011.

Adjournment:

Moved by Lyle seconded by Bill. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by George Gallaher for Genny Mesa