

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County
Minutes of October 11, 2011
Meeting No. 213
St. Paul Lutheran Church

President: Michelle Paluoutzian, present	Administration Chair, Donna Hall, present
Vice President/Public Information Chair: George Gallaher, present	Construction Chair, Lyle Allen, present
Treasurer/Finance Chair: Patti Houbein, present	Family Selection/Partnership:
Church Relations Chair: Jan Sorge, present	Member at Large: Pete Delacruz, excused
Member at Large: Fred Pillsbury, present	Don Spiva, guest
Volunteer: Jenny Adamson	Secretary: Anne-Marie Bandoni- excused

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Michelle Paloutzian.

Devotion: “The Best Part of Life is the last half – Celebrate the win!” read by Michelle Paloutzian.

Minutes: No minutes were available for the last three months. Secretary Anne Marie Bandoni was absent due to illness.
Jan volunteered to take minutes.

Financial report: Patti just received the bank statement so no report available. New credit cards were received and given to the following: Lyle, Michelle, Fred, Larry and one extra. one (Patt has).

Committee Reports:

Administration:: George reported that the Annual Dinner invitations were mailed. He has a donor of trees so Lyle will follow up to see if Concepcion would like some trees in her backyard.

Construction: Lyle reported that the plans were submitted, needed a few changes by the architect and have been submitted again on Sept. 12. He had contacted Steve Macha and he has a group that should be able to help with the site prep and foundation prep from the Community School. He and his co-worker will keep in touch with Lyle. Lyle has talked with John Jantz and Daniel from the Construction crew who do the framing and they are waiting for the word and they are committed. Don was able to give information on the new requirement of sprinklers in all new home construction – so will work with Lyle on the best solution.

Family Services: Patti gave an update on the family for the 195 S. T St and Jan gave an update on the family for the 927 W. 8th house and they are both very excited and will be attending the Annual meeting/Potluck to meet the board and other Habitat families.

Fundraising: Michelle – she would like to see the churches involved in funding a house. Jan will research the process and send it to the board and with their approval, send it to the churches. The ideal would be for the 927 W. 8th St. house. Patti will give an approximate cost for the house to use for a foundation amount needed.

Several board members including Don Spiva and Jenny toured the old Woodmill furniture store on 16th & Martin Luther King for a possible office space and future ReStore. Jake Morgener, real estate agent for Steve Tinetti, gave us the tour and will follow up on some suggestions we had for the owner such as: donation of the building for a tax write off; rent free for the clean up for a year, cost of taxes, utilities and insurance. We need to know if certain portions can be cut off from heat/cooling to more efficient. Don will check with the city on possible requirements and the sprinkler system, etc. and any other changes that would be required. The board feels \$200-\$300 a month rent is all we could afford. This building would be ideal for the storage now in a 10x30 ft. storage shed, plus all the donations that we constantly are offered, an indoor Rummage sale could be held; Family Selection Applications event, and all our board meetings, training and volunteers could work there. Jan will check with Jake, the realtor, and Patti will check on the taxes all to get more information. Don said the use permit would be S for storage instead of M for merchandise.

Church Relations: Jan will work up the Apostles Build and email it to churches once approved by the board. Monthly announcements are sent to all the churches, updated by the list Jenny put together.

Volunteers: Jan had a great turnout of volunteers and people at the Pedal Merced – ran out of all the brochures, etc. so we expect a good turnout for the Potluck as many flyers were taken as well as Savemart Share cards, brochures and bumper stickers. Jenny volunteered to man a half table on Saturday, Oct. 15th at Italo Lodge for a Conference for Women called “For the Sake of Me” where five women will discuss times of hardship and how they overcame. The hours are 1 – 5 p.m. Jan will have more brochures and flyers printed for Jenny to pick up at St. Paul’s Church office on Friday.

Annual Dinner:

Decorations will be pumpkins decorated or cut out by Jan’s school Bible Clubs & Hospital volunteers along with fall leaves.

Each board member is to bring a gift for the raffle. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Pledge and flag – Fred who will also pick up the key.

Welcome – Michelle

Introduce families of next two houses – Patti & Jan

Other Habitat families – Lyle

Prayer for the meal – Bill (George will ask him)

Meal

Introduce board - Michelle

Construction update – Lyle

Speaker – Ramona Rakow, Middle School Teacher, Habitat Women’s Build participant.

Volunteer of the year –

Michelle will have Jenny send out a draft program for everyone to approve.

Board members are to report to the Hoffmeister Center at 9 a.m. to set up.

Jan is to bring her projector & computer.

A tentative date for the Annual Planning meeting is Sat. January 14 from noon – 5 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church library.

Lyle moved to adjourn, Fred seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Jan Sorge, notetaker