

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2013

Meeting Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church library

Meeting # 230

President (Family Selection/Partnership): Michelle Paluoutzian,	present
Vice President (Church Relations Chair): Jan Sorge,	present
Secretary (Public Relations Chair): George Gallaher,	present
Treasurer: Patti Houbein,	excused
Construction Chair: Lyle Allen,	present
Family Selection/Partnership Co-Chair: Sherry Boyer,	excused
Family Selection/Partnership Co-Chair: Nellie Venegas,	present
Volunteer Chair: Jenny Adamson,	present
Member at Large: Pete Delacruz,	excused
Member at Large: Fred Pillsbury,	present
Intern: Stephanie Miller,	present

6:33 p.m. Call to order Michelle Paloutzian, President

Devotion: Fred Pillsbury

“Need washing”: Some people were waiting under the awning in front of the local Wal-Mart for the rain to stop. A little girl said to her mother; let’s run in the rain. Her mother replied, no we’ll get drenched. The girl persisted, as did the mom. The girl in expiration said but you told me to be confident when thinking about Daddy’s cancer. The mother At that point the mother agreed to run in the rain saying maybe we need washing. They became thoroughly drenched but were heard to be laughing in the rain. Several others from under the awning ran laughing in the rain. No one can take away your memories. Take time to make memories every day.

Excused absences: Pete, Patti, Sherry.

February minutes: read and accepted. Fred moved. Nellie seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Jan reported for Patti that everything is up to date. We will need new credit cards as the bank is changing their credit card methods. Everyone having a credit card needs to complete the form with their name address and Social Security number. People having credit cards are Michelle, Lyle, Fred and Dale. Lyle will have Dale complete the form and Patti will come by Lyle’s place to get the form and deliver it to the bank. Jan explained about the need for a My-Fi device for volunteer orientations and other functions. The device requires a card that allows a certain amount of time for connection. As the time runs out another card is purchased. Fred Moved and Jenny seconded that Jan be reimbursed \$181.17 for the purchase of the My-Fi device. Jan read a communication from an organization known as GRID. They use volunteer labor to install photovoltaic cells on homes and have worked successfully with Habitat for Humanity in the past. The board decided to wait and have the gentleman from GRID present if the owner of the next home is interested in having solar cells placed on her roof.

Administration: Jan stated that the title to Nicaragua was interesting and wanted to know how that is determined. Michelle explained the process and said that Patti takes care of keeping track of the amount due.

Public Information: George reported that the newsletter is almost ready. He also reported that the United Way Grant application has been submitted and we are waiting to see if we make it to the oral interview stage. George also reported that he is working on a grant with the Merced Foundation. George also reported that a new group photo has been added to our Facebook page.

Construction: Lyle reported that the sheet rock inspection is completed and that the crew is currently working on taping and mudding the walls. The concrete for the driveway, walks, and patio will be poured late this week or early next week. The house was broken into with damage to the back door and with many tools being stolen. Lyle has purchased some heavy duty brackets to bar both back doors. Lyle reported the incident to the police and will contact the appropriate insurance agencies. We received a reasonable estimate for paint from Lowes. We will use good quality paint on both the inside and outside of the house. Lyle explained to Stephanie about how to facilitate the use of volunteers from UC Merced. Stephanie also asked Lyle about a program where college students buy studs and write their names on them. Lyle said that it is too late for this home, but that we maybe can work something out for the next home. Lyle has installed a hose bib for the west eighth street home. We need to get the plans ready for submission and have a soil test completed before we can proceed on this project.

Family Services: Nellie has delivered all of the calendars except for the one to Le Grand.

Fundraising: There are six tri-tip roasts left. Jan will try to sell them to the Lutheran Church for use in a dinner for the rescue mission. Jenny and Sherry are going to work on getting vendors at the rummage sale. Jenny is planning on reserving one of the spaces for our organization. She asks that donations be delivered before 8:00 A.M.

Church Relations: Jan pass on information about the availability of vendor spaces to the local churches.

Volunteers: Jenny reported that the orientations are going well and that she will purchase time for the My-Fi and if she has any trouble with making it work she will contact the retailer who sold the product. Jenny wants to host a barbeque on the Saturday before World Habitat Day in a local park in conjunction with the affiliates from Los Banos and Mariposa. Jenny will work on coordinating the event and will report back to the board in the near future. Jan suggested that some board members attend the May 13th conference in Sacramento. This would be a place to meet with the other affiliates to discuss the proposed barbecue.

Other Business

George distributed a sheet showing a quote about the “Fund for Humanity:” and an average non house expense per house for affiliates. We discussed the number in relation to renting a storage facility. And the group seemed to think that \$300.00 per month isn’t excessive in relation to what other affiliates spend. Lyle pointed out that most of that money goes toward the salary or a paid director. If we had sufficient storage we would have been able to take advantage of a generous offer from Blood Source that we had to decline. Sales could be held from the storage facility on a weekly or by-weekly basis and an office could be built in a corner. Jenny will find a volunteer to develop a business plan for the start-up and on-going costs of a storage/office facility.

Devotions:

April	Lyle
May	Patti
June	George

Meeting adjourned: 7:32
George Gallaher, Secretary

Calendar:

April, 2013

Sat, 6 Yard Sale, St. Paul Lutheran Church
Tue, 9 – 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting-- St. Paul Lutheran Church, devotion: Lyle

May, 2013

Tue, 14– 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting-- St. Paul Lutheran Church, devotion: Patti

June, 2013

Tues, 11– 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting-- St. Paul Lutheran Church, devotion: George

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Board Meeting Sign-in March 12, 2013

1 GW Gallahan

2 FRED PILSBURY

3 Stephanie Miller

4 Nellie VENEGAS

5 Sunny Adamsou

6 Lyle Allen

7 Jan Soye

8 Michelle Pizzanelli

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