

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2013

Meeting Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church library

Meeting # 231

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,	present
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,	excused

6:37 p.m. Call to order Michelle Paloutzian, President

Devotion: Lyle Allen

Clarence Jordan was a strange phenomenon in the history of North American Christianity. Hewn from the massive Baptist denomination, known primarily for its conformity to culture, Clarence stressed the anti-cultural, the Christ-transcending and the Christ-transforming, aspects of the gospel. He was an authentic product of the Bible Belt, of the rural, agrarian heartland, of the people's church (he got his college degree in agriculture, graduating in the same class as Senator Herman Talmadge at the University of Georgia). Clarence pursued this tradition to its very end, ending at the top with a Ph.D. in the Greek New Testament from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. The thrust of Christianity for Clarence was Christ incarnate in *koinonia* (the redeemed imitating Christ in the redeemed community). In his version, Hebrews 11:1 translates: "Now faith is the turning of dreams into deeds." For Clarence, as for Tolstoy, the *imitatio Christi* works: go the second mile, give the extra coat, and settle matters outside the law, live peacefully with all. The Sermon on the Mount ethic is meant for this world, not for some interim, not for judgment upon us. Millard and Linda Fuller lived on the farm for a while and Koinonia Farm is where the first Habitat for Humanity home was built.

Excused absences: Pete, Sherry.

March minutes: read and accepted. Fred moved. Jan seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Patti reported that all of our bills are paid and everything is up to date. The amount on the cost analysis for project 13 does not agree with the balance sheet because of the method used by QuickBooks to keep track of payments. The report on the current project needs to be generated prior to the generation of the financial statements. Everything is correct on both statements the cost for the current project is just more current than the financial statements.

Patti reported that the next statement will show the down payment for project 13 on their account. Patti requested and the board agreed that the \$100.00 used for change for

various functions would be held in a safe place between events rather than being deposited, withdrawn and re-deposited. Patti had a question of the tithing on sales at fund raising events. Is the tithing on the net or the gross proceeds from events? No one seemed to know so Patti will research the matter and tithing accordingly. Patti asked Michelle to send forward the Tech Soup invoice to be attached to the credit card statement. Jan moved and Jennifer seconded paying \$90.00 for a booth at this year's Atwater Fourth of July Festival. All partner families are up to date with their mortgage payments.

Administration: No report.

Public Information: George reported that the newsletter is at the printer and will be mailed as soon as it is printed, folded and addressed. George ask for and received a motion to grant him permission to pursue a grant with Merced Foundation for Habitat for Humanity of Merced County. Jan moved Jenny seconded. Motion passed. George gave a talk to the Merced County Board of Realtors. The message was accepted with enthusiasm. George will speak to a Jenny's class at CSU Stanislaus next week. We have made our oral presentation to United Way and will wait to see if we move to the next step. Patti will provide a copy of the latest form 990 for the Merced Foundation grant application.

Construction: Lyle reported that the sheet rock taping is finished. The crew is using Prep-Coat over the sheet rock texturing is applied. Dave Green Drywall, roofing and insulation supply co. donated twenty gallons of Prep-Coat to the project. Prep-Coat prepares the paper surface of the sheet rock for texturing or painting and is a kind of sealer. Michelle will send a thank you letter and an in-kind receipt to Dave Green. Aurora cleaned the back yard and will meet with Lyle to learn about the landscaping plan and the fact that we landscape only the front yard. The plans for 927 W. 8th St. are with the city awaiting approval. When the plans are approved, the crew from the Community School can begin laying out the foundation. We are in need of a new contractor of record. Homes that are built for sale must have a licensed contractor of record. Our current contractor will no longer be able to help us as his license will no longer be in force. Jan has a couple of names of licensed contractors for Lyle to contact. Next step on project 13 is texturing, ordering doors and then measuring for and ordering cabinets. Lyle will contact the irrigation man about the irrigation system for the front yard. Michelle gave Lyle his name and cell phone number.

Family Services: No report.

Fundraising: All of the tri-tip roasts are sold and Jan will have a complete report for the next board meeting. Rummage Sale Jan reported that we were to have four vendors and only one showed up. Next year we will collect the space rent in advance. If we had done that this year we would be \$75.00 ahead. The man from Pampered Chef, our only vendor, was quite happy with his sales and is going to mark the date on next year's calendar. There was a mix up about getting rid of the leftovers but they were finally

removed a few days late. Jenny reported that the sale went well but that donations should get there early as that most buyers were through shopping before 10:00 A.M. Total net proceeds were \$190.72 consisting of \$25.00 booth rent and \$165.72 sales.

Church Relations: Jan asked if anything needs to be added to the May Church Relations Bulletin. Jenny wants to let people know that she is willing to do special volunteer orientations for groups on an appointment basis.

Volunteers: Jenny reported that the barbeque on Saturday October 5th for World Habitat Day in Rahilly Park from noon to 4:00 p.m. is still in the planning stages. Jenny needs our tax exempt letter in order to get donations from local merchants. Jan will copy the proper forms from Lyle's binder at the close of tonight's meeting. Jenny will work on coordinating the event and will report back to the board in the near future. Jan suggested that the park be booked fairly early as it is a busy attraction and hard to reserve.

Other Business

Jenny has been given permission to sign and mail letters to twelve local hardware dealers asking for tool donations. Patti will get envelopes with our return address to Jenny shortly after the closing of the meeting. Patti will get the receipt for the Wi-Fi device to Jan at the same time so that the device can be taken to Best Buy to be properly connected. Stephanie is working on a business plan for a storage and office facility. Patti will provide her with the latest income projections. The board will carefully study the business plan and make certain that the plan is feasible and sustainable. Michelle and Patti have computers that belong to the affiliate that need to have their hard drives reformatted before being discarded or recycled. George or Lyle will reformat the hard drives in the near future. Time constraints will keep Faust from joining our board. Jenny will find volunteers to make telephone calls for her. Jan is willing to make some phone calls as well.

Devotions:

May Patti
June George

Meeting adjourned: 7:35

George Gallaher, Secretary

Calendar:

April, 2013

Mon, 29—7:00 p.m. Volunteer Orientation-- St. Paul Lutheran Church

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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Sign-in sheet

Gary Galt

FRED FILLBURY

Patti Hopkins

Nelle & Vera

Jennifer Adamson

Lyle Allen

Jan Song

Michelle Palantir