

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2013
Meeting Location: Jan & Larry Sorge's Home 2842 Wainwright Ave., Merced, CA
Meeting # 239

President (Administration Chair): Michelle Paloutzian,	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 Chair: Nellie Venegas,	present
Member at Large: Pete Delacruz,	excused
Member at Large: Fred Pillsbury,	excused
Intern: Stephanie Miller,	excused
Guest: Larry Sorge	present

6:35 p.m. Call to order Michelle Paloutzian, President, Jan Introduced guest Larry Sorge and the meeting was suspended as the board participated in a light festive meal. Meeting reconvened at 7:01 P.M.

Devotion: Michelle: Rejection can be resolved with prayer. We all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God. The person who loses little has little forgiven. Conversely the person who has lost much has much forgiven.

Excused absences: Pete Delacruz, Fred Pillsbury, Stephanie Miller

November minutes: Lyle moved to accept the November minutes as read. Jan seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Patti reported we have not closed escrow in the Andrade house as of yet. All mortgages are up to date with one partner still working to catch up. Patti will have a summary of finances for the annual meeting. Jenny will forward the Microsoft Office License to Patti to be forwarded to Katilyn.

Administration: No report

Public Information: George reported that the December mailing is completed. He also reported that he will change the website on January first to reflect our new members and officers. George reported a telephone message and subsequent text message about a house on West Sixteenth Street that needs to be moved with the owners wanting to know if we want the building. Lyle will follow-up and, depending on the amount of time the building has before it must be moved may accept the donation. Larry stated a concern about the size of the home. One bath and two bedrooms might be too small. Lyle assured him that we have moved this size home to a lot in LeGrand and a family is currently occupying the home.

Construction: Lyle reported that he is in the final phases of the process with the plans. Lyle is completing the fire suppression plans which along with the soil tests should complete the plan approval process. He reported that Jim Tolliday is working through the city bureaucracy in an effort to obtain more lots from the city. Lyle is willing to accompany him to demonstrate our history in building homes on all the lots we have purchased thus adding to the tax rolls for the city. Steve Mocha has flattened the dirt piles on the building site and will probably be back after the Holidays. Lyle had the city people find the sewer lines and will have Steve dig a trench to expose the pipe with his back hoe. Lyle is hoping the sewer pipe is in good condition and will not need replacing. We are working on getting a temporary power pole permit. Patti will get a letter stating the square feet of the previous home on the lot so Lyle can use it to get a reduction in the school fees for the home. She will also get a deed for Jan as part of the documentation for a grant Jan is completing.

Family Services: No report.

Church Relations: Jan stated that she has been sending information to churches and has become acquainted with many of the contact people at various churches. Jan asked about sending calendars to partner families this year as Christmas presents. Nellie stated that she wasn't sure most of them used the calendars. Juan will talk to the Los Banos and Mariposa affiliates to work up a plan to meet with Betsy Murphy to work on rehabilitation homes. The idea is that the three affiliates could share in the cost of Betsy's time and travel and possibly work together on rehabilitating homes. Jan is working on the Thrivent grant and will seek help from other board members as she needs documents or information.

Volunteers: No report.

Other Business

Jan asked that each of the board members submit three areas or ideas for goals for the near future to be discussed at the annual planning meeting. She asked for help with the meeting. George will help her as a co-facilitator and will provide the devotion. Food for the event will be doughnuts and sub sandwiches. We will hold the meeting in the Outreach Ministries Building Conference room at St. Paul.

Devotions for the future:

January, Fred

February: Michelle

March: Patti

Jenny tendered her letter of resignation. Michelle reluctantly accepted it and asked Jenny to remember us when she had more time to devote to causes in the future.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

George Gallaher, Secretary

Calendar:

January 2014

- 20 – Monday, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting – Outreach Ministries Building
Conference Room, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2916 N. McKee Rd.
Merced Devotion: Fred
- 25 – Saturday 9 a.m. – noon – Planning Session

February

- 17 – Monday, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting – Outreach Ministries Building
Conference Room- St. Paul Lutheran Church, Merced
Devotion: Michelle

March

- 17 – Monday, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting – Outreach Ministries Building
Conference Room – St. Paul Lutheran Church, Merced
Devotion: Patti

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Board Meeting Sign-in December 16, 2013

- 1 J. George Gallagher
- 2 Jan Song
- 3 Larry Song
- 4 Michelle Paloutzian
- 5 Nellie Venegas
- 6 Jenny Adamson
- 7 Patti Houlihan
- 8 Lyle Allen
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