

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes  
December 21, 2015  
Meeting Location, Jan & Larry Sorge's home 2842 Wainwright Ave. Merced  
Meeting # 262

President (Administration Chair) Jan Sorge	Present
Vice President (Nominating Chair) Michelle Paloutzian	Absent
Secretary (Public Relations) Chair George Gallaher	Absent
Treasurer: (Finance Committee Chair) Patti Houbein	Present
Construction Chair Lyle Allen	Present
Family Selection/.Partnership Chair: Nellie Venegas	Absent
Finance Committee Member Donna Hall	Present
Site Selection Chair: Don Spiva	Absent
Member at Large: Pete Delacruz	Absent
Member at Large: Fred Pillsbury	Present
Member at Large: Brittany Oakes	Absent
Member at Large: Sean Arnold	Absent
Member at Large: Ida Johnson	Absent
Guest: Larry Sorge	

Devotion by Donna Hall entitled "What They Said About Christmas".  
Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men.  
Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.  
May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.  
Amen!

Snacks and appetizers brought by board members were enjoyed by all.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Jan Sorge.  
Jan asked Fred Pillsbury to take notes of the meeting.

Guest: Larry Sorge was welcomed as a guest.

November meeting minutes. Accepted as presented.

Financial Report: Patti shared the expense of the rehab on Budina's house with a total of \$5084.28 which is added to her loan. The estimate had been \$4500 so went over. She is making payments. Last conversation with her she is looking for a stove and refrigerator before she can move back into the house. The Los Banos Habitat is looking for those for her.

Patti is able to check on each of the projects now through her computer so can get instant reports. She will let Nell know who is behind so phone calls can be made.

Patti is working on a budget and will have one to present at the January meeting.

Family Services: Nell, Pete and Ida absent.

Site Selection: Don Spiva absent.

Administration: Jan shared that Sean asked National to send him the application so he can get it in next year for the Capacity Bldg. Grant as it is too late for this year.

Jan asked for the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to be moved to January 25<sup>th</sup> instead.  
Approved.

Planning Meeting: Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon. Jan will have coffee & bagels and Larry will get our orders for sub sandwiches at 11 and deliver by 12. Bring at least goals for 2016 and fill out the Self Assessment and Board Assessment forms ahead of time if possible.

Public Information: George Gallaher absent

Construction: Lyle Allen has a new project on Stretch Rd. for a family Brenda Hughes contacted him about for Brush with Kindness. Larry & Lyle will check it out.

Jan mailed a Brush with Kindness form to Isabel and will wait for the form before Lyle and Larry will check it out. She was our first project for our affiliate and her house was dedicated in 1995. Her house is paid for.

Lyle shared how Brenda Hughes school class got involved with Habitat when Lyle gave a presentation and they collected money with a Read A Thon. The whole school got involved and presented Lyle with a big check of \$6028.00. This was Ada Givens school.

Donna shared that a Brush With Kindness recipient in her neighborhood shared with her that he had put in a request for a new roof through the City as we had told him about. Stanislaus County contacted him and wanted to put a lien on his house and he refused. Now they have approached him again with a contract. He is concerned about it but doesn't want to get anyone in trouble. Donna will talk to him and ask to look at the contract. Jan will talk to Mark Hamilton about this and report at the January meeting.

Volunteer Orientation set for Wed. January 13<sup>th</sup> form 7-8 p.m. at the OMC.

Church Relations: info being sent to the churches monthly.  
Our Annual meeting/potluck is on the church/school calendar for Oct. 29, 2016 so should not be a problem this next year.

Board assessment/Recruitment Committee: Michelle absent.

We are in need of Publicity Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, and Legal expertise.

ReStore still a priority. Everyone needs to be on the lookout for property. Jan will check with Mike Shepherd who she was told may have some warehouse property by the freeway near Atwater that would be possible.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Fred Pillsbury, Note taker