

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2015

Meeting Location: St Paul Lutheran Church, Outreach Ministry Center

2916 McKee Rd, Merced CA

Meeting # 256

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

6:28 p.m. Call to order Jan Sorge, President

Meeting with Fig Street Homeowner: Prior tour guest's arrival Jan explained that the letter explaining the terms of a new agreement was delivered to the homeowner who asked that the payment be closer to \$400, Jan explained that she and Don computed a lower payment which would increase the terms of the agreement from five to six years. Much discussion occurred as a result of this plan. The consensus of the board is that it isn't much more for the five year payoff period and that the homeowner should be convinced to accept the terms as outlined in the presented letter. Lyle spoke to damage in the kitchen and that the cabinets will need to be taken down while sheet rock is replaced to repair water damage. A couple board members mentioned the possibility of having homeowner's insurance cover the cost of repairs to the kitchen wall. The homeowner was invited into the meeting room and the homeowner stated that she will be unable to make any decisions on her mortgage reconfiguration until she consults with her husband. The homeowner promised to call Jan before the Friday following the meeting. She went on to say she might phone Jan with her decision by Wednesday, the day her husband returns. The board agreed to have her call Jan by Friday. The board also directed the homeowner to contact her homeowner's insurance company to begin the claims process for the kitchen wall, the electrical panel, and some holes in a bedroom wall. Jan will provide the homeowner with the telephone number of the insurance company and the amount of the deductible on the policy. Lyle volunteered to assist if the homeowner needs help dealing with the insurance company. Jan offered a prayer for the homeowner and the affiliate. The homeowner thanked the board and exited the meeting room.

Devotion: Jan gave a prayer for our guest homeowner and the affiliate earlier in the meeting..

Excused absences: Sean Arnold, Pete Delacruz, Fred Pillsbury

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Guests: Rachel Hernandez; Friend of Michelle and potential board member.

May minutes: Consensus to accept the May minutes as presented.

Financial report: Patti reported that all homeowners have made their payments. Aurora is still one payment behind. Nellie is helping Aurora in her quest to find a job. Don explained that the Upson deal is getting further complicated. He has Mrs. Upson's permission to complete the paperwork for her son-in-law. Don went on to explain that there is a cloud hanging over all Redevelopment Agency properties. When the title to one of these properties changes, a company hired by the State of California, could possibly ask for the difference between what Redevelopment purchased the property for and what it sold it for. This has a potential of being a huge problem for our affiliate. Because of this we may need to explore issuing a quit claim deed as a way of transferring the ownership with the smallest amount of public exposure. Don stated that the two lots are moving steadily toward becoming sites for Habitat builds.

Administration: Jan distributed business cards with blank places for name and phone number insertion. Jan is hopeful that Rachel will become a member of our board. Jan explained about some plastic shutters that were donated to us that we donated to the Los Banos affiliate. Don will look into the possibility of renting the old Albertson's Store for use as a ReStore. Jan has some concerns about the Modesto branch setting up a booth at the Castle Health faire. Jan will contact the person at Habitat International and allow him to handle the problem. Jan will number and deliver the tickets to the Home Town Buffet event.

Public Information: George shared some figures and their origin and asked permission to use them for the basis of eligibility for the families seeking to purchase the next two homes. The board agreed to use these numbers for the stated purpose.

Construction: Lyle and Don had lunch with the Mennonites and it is possible they would be willing to raise two homes in the same weekend or raise one home and assist with a women's build on the other. Lyle stated that the vinyl and carpet are going in this week. The counter tops will follow shortly. The inside should be done in a couple of weeks. Michelle will develop a drought tolerant landscape plan. Lyle wants to use California Gold in the front with low water plants to soften up the lines of the front of the home. Dedication will be August first at 10:00 A.M. All paperwork and escrow will be done before the homeowners take possession.

Family Services: Nellie will cut her vacation short to be available on July 25th for the family selection presentation. Jan will get publicity out to many venues. Michelle has posters from before that she will share with Jan who can modify them.

Church Relations: Jan will be getting information the churches about family selection and the dedication.

Volunteers: No report.

Other Business: Don has reserved October Ninth for the golf tournament. He may combine with the Merced Board of Realtors for a September date which would allow for more daylight and give the golfers a better event. Each board member is encouraged to provide a suitable item for the raffle. Don will keep us posted and feels things are right on schedule with planning activities.

Habitat for Humanity will hold its first annual golf tournament on September 25 at Rancho Del Rey Golf Course in Atwater. Tee off will be at 12:00 Noon with a lunch provided and dinner after the event. We will have loads of raffle prizes, a Closest to Pin hole, a Long Drive contest, and a putting contest prior to the start of the round. Cost to play will be \$80.00 a player. We will be looking for hole sponsors at a cost of \$100.00 that will provide a sign at a hole to advertising your company. Or a corporate sponsor, that will cost \$500.00 but includes entry fee for four players, a hole sign and a big mention in the sponsor booklet. HfH is also looking for any donations or golf gifts for the raffle as well. Please contact Don Spiva at 209-769-5068 for further details.

Michelle will get the board information packet to Rachel. Donna will do the same for her Physician.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 P.M.

George Gallaher, Secretary

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Board Meeting Sign-in June 15, 2015

- 1 GW Galan
- 2 Patti Houkein
- 3 Michelle Paloutz
- 4 Rachel Hernandez
- 5 Nellie Venegas
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- 7 Don Spiva
- 8 Donna Hall
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Calendar:

July 25 – Orientation for next two home owners – Boys & Girls Club
10 a.m. - noon

July 27, Monday, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting – St. Paul Lutheran OMC
Devotion:

August 17 – Monday, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting- St. Paul Lutheran OMC
Devotion:

September 16 – 7-8 p.m. Volunteer Orientation – St. Paul Lutheran OMC

September 21, Monday, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting – St. Paul Lutheran OMC
Devotion:

September 25 – Golf Tournament, Rancho Del Rey, Atwater 12:00 noon.

October 3 – Saturday, 11 a.m – 3:30 p.m.- HOME TOWN BUFFET
FUNDRAISER LUNCH

October 19 – Monday, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting – St. Paul Lutheran OMC
Devotion:

October 24 – Annual meeting/potluck, St. Paul Lutheran OMC
5:30 p.m.

November 16 – Monday, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting – St. Paul Lutheran OMC
Devotion:

December 21 – Monday, 6:30 p.m. Christmas gathering – bring appetizers to
Share – short board meeting
Devotion: