Habitat for Humanity of Merced County Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2015

Meeting Location: St Paul Lutheran Church, Outreach Ministry Center 2916 McKee Rd, Merced CA
Meeting # 258

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

6:30 p.m. Call to order Jan Sorge, President

Devotion: "It is never as bad as it seems." A cowboy wrecked his vehicle. A highway patrolman seeing his dog and horse in great pain took out his pistol and put them out of their misery. The highway patrolman asked the cowboy, who was obviously in a great deal of pain, how he was doing. The cowboy replied after, reflecting on the demise of his animals, I have never felt better. In times of great trouble, God promises to protect us.

Excused absences: Sean Arnold, Fred Pillsbury

Guests: No guests

July minutes: Lyle moved and Don seconded to accept the July minutes with the correction that Lyle moved and George seconded directing Don to send a letter to Kathy Upson. Motion carried.

Financial report: Patti reported that Aurora made two payments in July one was close to the end of the month so may be for August. Budina made her payment plus some extra. Have quotes for a local insurance agency for all homes. Jan had wrong address in LeGrand but will supply the agent with the proper address. Aurora will need a net on her trampoline. Budina's insurance has already been changed to the local agency because her policy with the old company was cancelled. Patti will check the quotes against our current premiums and will switch insurance carriers where prudent.

Administration: Jan read a thank you letter from the lady who provides lunch to the volunteers. Jan has asked the police to check on the Fig St. home to make sure no one lives there until all repairs are completed and water and power services are restored. Lyle

stated that his estimate for the Fig St. home are close but, sometimes, unforeseen obstacles make themselves known as walls are opened. Discussed options for bringing Budina's payment in line with extra repair costs should they be incurred. The group hopes this can be addressed if necessary and that the repairs will help make the home saleable should foreclosure become a necessity.

Public Information: No report.

Construction: Lyle reported that the crew will begin repairs to the Fig St. home in the near future. Repair wall and cabinetry in Kitchen and replace green board in the bathroom close to the shower. Work should come in within the estimate.

Family Services: No completed applications have been returned. Nellie has a letter for Jan to send to partner families concerning visitations.

Church Relations: Golf Information has been sent to churches and organizations. Volunteer Orientation is set for Sept 16, 2015.

Home Town Buffet lunch will be Sat. Oct 3. Please ask Jan for more tickets when they are needed.

Annual meeting/Potluck will be Sat. 24th, 4:30 p.m. St. Paul's.

Volunteers: No report.

Unfinished & new business:

Fundraisers Golf tournament: Don has contacted many businesses and has obtained promises of sponsorships. Everything is progressing well. Don can use help with the event and raffle prizes. Home Town Buffet- Lunch – Sat. Oct 3rd they provide tickets \$12 price – they receive \$ 6.50.

Recruitment Committee: Michelle is having trouble with finding folks willing to become board members. Jan has a couple of leads she will follow up on. Edward Walters and Rachel will be contacted about becoming members of our board.

Donna knows of a lot on 23rd St. Don will check on the availability of the lot and the price. Don will check with Mark at the City Hall to determine if the HUD grant monies could be diverted from the purchase of building lots to the purchase of homes that need refurbishing. Jan would enjoy having someone help her at the U.C. nonprofit fair Sept. 3 from 10:00 to 2:00.

We need to be prepared to complete our annual assessment next month.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 P.M.

George Gallaher, Secretary

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County, Inc. Board Meeting Sign-in August 17, 2015

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Calendar:

- September 3 -- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m. UC Merced Non-profit Faire
- 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: Lyle Allen
- October 3 Saturday, 11 a.m. 3:30 p.m.- HOME TOWN BUFFET FUNDRAISER LUNCH
- October 9 Golf Tournament, Rancho Del Rey, Atwater 11:00 am.
- October 19 Monday, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting St. Paul Lutheran OMC Devotion: Ida Johnson
- 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: Fred Pillsbury
- December 21 Monday, 6:30 p.m. Christmas gathering bring appetizers to Share short board meeting Devotion: Donna Hall