

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County
Minutes July 14, 2009 Meeting #186
Atwater: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1495 Underwood Ave.

President: Michelle Paloutzian present
Secretary: Genny M Mesa absent
Volunteer/Finance Chair: Patti Houbein present
Public Information Chair: Bill Sanford excused
Family Selection/Partnership: Pete Delacruz present
Construction Chair: Lyle Allen present
Member at Large: Fred Pillsbury present

Vice President: George Gallaher present
Treasurer: Hilda Miranda excused
Administrative Chair: Donna Hall present
Church Relations Chair: Jan Sorge excused
Site Selection Chair: Jim Tolladay present
Member at Large: Diane Bair absent

MSC: Motion, second, carried

Call to order: 7:03 p.m. by President Michelle Paloutzian.
A quorum was present.

Minutes: Minutes for June are unavailable and will be approved at the August meeting.

Devotion: Lyle gave the devotion about Charles F. Andrews who was a British Missionary to India and who made a good impression on a famous Indian leader.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Public Information Report: Patti agreed to copy the Articles of Incorporation and bring the original back in August when we will decide on a safe place to keep the original. Michelle agreed to store the legal documents pertaining to some lots at Lake Don Pedro. Mail was distributed to the appropriate members with Lyle agreeing to ensure that the bills are paid. George signed the affiliate up with the U.C. Merced to participate in the annual Community Involvement Day on September 17, 2009. Donna Hall shared an e-mail address where she can be easily reached.

Construction Report: Lyle stated that the division of the lot for the current build has caused the fees and building permit to increase to close to \$58,000.00. Some discussion was made to abandon the lot split line and build one house on the side for a smaller permit and fee cost. Lyle stated that we should talk to the redevelopment agency and see if they can mitigate some of the costs. If they can't we could give the lots back or build elsewhere first and build the expensive house last. Jim and Lyle will make an appointment with Mr. Ewing at the City to see what can be done to alleviate the prohibitive expense.

Lyle reported that Mrs. Allen is ill and there is a possibility that he may have to modify or stop some of his Habitat for Humanity activities. Lyle will prepare successors in the event that this becomes necessary.

Site Selection Report: No report

Family Selection Report: Pete stated that one of the better applicants is afraid of moving into an area where street gangs assert undue influence. Pete stated that he feels that the proximity of McNamara Park and the six P.M. closing of the Police sub station lead to gang activity in the area in the evening and night. The board decided to let the applicant decide if the location is unsuitable for her purposes.

Pete will contact Lyle and George to conduct training sessions for the Family Selection Committee members. Lyle will share his expertise on the mortgage process and George will show the family selection slide show. Pete will also contact Bill who will give a tour of the current partner homes and introduce the committee members to partner families.

Family Partnership Report: No report

Fundraising Report: No report

Church Relations Report: No report

Volunteers Report: The assessor should show split parcels in a couple of weeks. Patti is helping an affiliate in the northern part of the state with an assessment problem. We may be able to give the new partners a home with low taxes because of the agreement we signed keeping the homes low income for a certain period of time.

Nomination Committee Report: George asked and received permission to seek applicants for board positions through newspaper articles. Applicants will complete an application and finalists will be chosen by the board as a whole.

Lyle stated that Hilda would appreciate it if Patti would assume the duties of treasurer. Hilda related to Lyle that she would continue to be treasurer until a suitable replacement is found. Patti asked to have some time to think about this as she has a busy schedule and wants to be sure she can adequately devote enough time to the task. Lyle stated that he can make bank deposits and pay small bills to make her job easier. The board agreed to wait until next month in hopes that Patti can assume the responsibilities from Hilda.

Patti distributed the proposed budget for the current fiscal year. Management expenses still need to be categorized and more may need to be set aside for permits and fees.

Adjournment:

Group moved as a whole to adjourn at 8:12 pm.