

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County, Inc.

Minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2009,  
at Gateway Community Church, Merced

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Lyle Allen; President Michelle Paloutzian was present but her voice was stressed by a cold.

Devotions were given by Fred Pillsbury

Present were Michelle Paloutzian, Patti Houbein, Bill Sanford, Pete Delacruz, Lyle Allen, Fred Pillsbury, Jan Sorge, and Jim Tolladay.

Excused were George Gallaher, Genny Mesa and Diane Bair.

Absent: Hilda Miranda and Donna Hall

Note: Pat Shay and Kathy Upson have recently resigned.

Minutes of the meeting of May 12:

The following corrections were made, all on p. 2

+ In Church Relations report, substitute chairs for members.

+ In Public Information report, move comma from after Patty, to before Patti, and substitute Bill for Patti as mailer of the Stay-at-home Tea appeal.

+ In the Annual Dinner report, rephrase to read: Bill suggested someone who has participated in a Global Village Work Project. In Whooten, delete the h.

+ Under Adjournment, move comma from after Fred to before Fred; add comma after seconded.

With these corrections, it was MSC to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report: Hereafter Bill is to send a copy of \$ Memos to Patti. Patti will e-mail board members a draft copy of our budget.

Administration report: Bill reported four FYI items

+ a quarterly contribution of \$522 from United Way of Merced

+ an insurance refund of \$259

+ Initial Stay-at-home Tea contributions of \$590. The Tea mailing, 222 pieces, went out June 1 with postage paid of \$34.57.

+ Our effort to amend our Articles of Incorporation was rebuffed because

we did not have “Inc.” included as part of our name. We are re-submitting with “Inc.” included.

Construction: Lyle shared three items.

- + Soil compaction tests on our now pair of lots at 512 W. 11th St. will take place very soon.
- + Weed abatement – to the city’s satisfaction – is being cared for.
- + IBM is offering several pieces of equipment. Lyle is authorized to accept the offer.

Jim reported . . .

- + plans for Project 12 were submitted to the City of Merced in May. Some changes were asked for. The plans, with the desired changes, are now back to the City.
- + fees for sewer and water connections were said to be in the neighborhood of \$18,000. Reductions will be sought. When the ‘dust has settled,’ half the cost will be charged against each of the two projects.
- + a map showing the lot split was been duly recorded.
- + Trans County Title is now handling our title work. They discounted their last bill to \$225.
- + We need a building contractor approved by the City to sign certain documents.

Family Services: Pete Delacruz referenced the June 10 meeting at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church at which Anita Hellams of HFH Stanislaus will provide guidance relating to Family Selection. At this moment, we have only one application to consider. Several other prospects will be mailed application material. It was M (Lyle)m S (Fred) and C that Anita be given an honorarium of \$75 for leadership at the June 10 meeting.

Fund raising: It was MSC that Michelle be authorized to order 500 door hangers relating to the “Cars for Homes” program.

Church Relations: Jan is supplying local churches with material for their bulletins and/or newsletters on a monthly basis. From July to December the Board will meet in Atwater at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1495 Underwood (on Bellevue between 5th & 6th).

Sign-ups for devotions were sought with this result:

July	Lyle
August	Jim
September	Fred
October	Michelle
November	Bill
December	Jan

Covenant with HFHI: It was M (Fred), S (Jan) and C that we approve the Covenant.

Quality Assurance Report: (Same as last year.) It was M (Fred) S (Patti) and C to approve the report.

Statement of Policies: Michelle presented a list building on 12 we already have in place. No. 19 still requires some committee work (Lyle, Patti, Hilda). The entire package will be placed before the Board at the July meeting.

Michelle announced a Habitat training session in Modesto. The dates are June 26 & 27. Mainly a Saturday event, there are several worthwhile events scheduled for Friday. For details and to register, please contact Michelle.

At 7:58 p.m. it was M (Jim), S (Jan) and C to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Sanford, Acting Secretary