

## **Paradise Community Guilds Business Meeting February 13, 2017**

Monthly meeting called to order at 7:35 pm.

Roll Call of Officers present: David Zink, President; Dan Joseph, VP; Verna Myers, Treasurer and Executive Committee Member; Karen Quattlander, Secretary and Executive Committee Member; Pyramid Michael Walden, Executive Committee

Members present: Jennifer Petersen, Mike McGrath, Lisa Flores, Pete Samuel

Minutes for January 9, 2017, were accepted unanimously.

Richard Mann proposed Darrin and another friend are interested in membership

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Susan reported that the Membership Committee is working on a package that will reify the Pathway to Membership material that we have been promising for six months, now that we have a name, a logo, and a website, where there is a page that discusses membership. Next meeting 6 pm next Monday at Susan's house, 696 Bille Road.

**Rental:** Jennifer reported that if you are putting anything on the calendar online, check with her so it doesn't conflict with commitments she has already made. Quota is renting in March, the Paradise Garden Club, and others. Also someone is interested in renting the hall for tap dance classes and wants us to install a mirror. Discussion about whether tap would damage the wooden floor. Idea to create a moveable partition with mirror, possibly get a protective cover for floor. Jen will research and report back.

**Building and Grounds:** Dan not present (working for Chico Housing Action Team—came later) but reported last time that 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in February (this Saturday) is the next work day. We will paint another wall. Tarps had to be re-fastened on the roof, with all the winds. New mercury vapor bulb is in the outside light, says Pyramid, who paid \$8.50 for it and will presumably be reimbursed.

**Events:** We met last month to organize the Chuck Brodsky and Halie Loren shows, which both went very well. Finances reported in Treasurer's Report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Verna reported that she spent significant time reorganizing our finances and is still seeking guidance about how to categorize various incomes. Profit on first night of dedication, the performances of which were donated, was \$2925.53 and second night much less because we paid the performers. Chuck Brodsky got \$477. See Financial Report, sent to everyone, for details. It was suggested that we split our profits from events between the roof and operating expenses in an 80% to 20% ratio. Discussion of what constitutes operating expenses and what they are. Verna was asked to report at the next meeting as to what our usual operating expenses are, at which point we will entertain a motion on this suggestion.

David reminded us that a month ago tonight we had a houseful for our dedication, which by all measures was a roaring success, and also garnered a lot of attention and offers of support, which we will be following up on. He then read from the six-column, above-the-fold article that Jamie O'Neill wrote about us in the Paradise Post last Saturday. Richard suggested we put a pdf of that

article up on our website.

**Community Action:** Susan reported that she attended a Mobilize Chico meeting with the intention of getting information and inspiration to Mobilize Paradise to stand up for democratic values in the face of their current erosion. She deferred to President Zink who has been talking about organizing a Guild for civil politics on Sundays at 4 to 6 pm at the Norton Buffalo Hall to work on unifying the community. David will be discussing that idea on Ecotopia on KZFR next week at 6:30 pm. Members are invited to attend this Sunday, February 19, at 4 pm to discuss perspectives.

**Garden:** Jennifer reported that gardening is starting. Plots are available. They are taking out boxes to increase production and Brian from Sawmill Creek Farms is going to help with getting the watering together. She wants to organize a seed swap that is participated in by everyone and is educational—possibly around Earth Day. Richard suggested two to three days before the new moon. Gold Nugget Day show was discussed. Jen thinks we should do the food this year. Discussion about whether we have the bandwidth to take it on as sponsors. Come Wednesdays at 10 a.m. to help out—someone is always in the garden at that time.

**Transformation:** Bylaws proposed as well as the California Guilds bylaws will be posted on the website under Members (password Demeter 490). Please read and come to the next meeting prepared to suggest revisions and/or vote to adopt.

**Secretary's Report:** We have to report quarterly about our members to the State Guilds. We have a request from the nonprofit Friends Benefitting the Ridge. Saturday, March 11 will be a variety show that will benefit three Ridge organizations. **Moved to donate \$25 to Friends Benefitting the Ridge passed unanimously.** Karen reminded everyone that dues are due and she is accepting them. The State Guild is requesting that the local Guilds pay all their yearly dues before March (in the past, we paid \$7 quarterly).

**Old Business:** Susan reported that the Raising th Roof crowdfunding campaign has raised about \$1200. She will re-launch this month.

GuildsStorm will be held March 3-4 at Karen and Michael's house. Susan thanked everyone who helped make dinner for SafeSpace last Sunday, including Dan for motivating us, Jen for shopping and putting the menu together with Verna, Lisa and Mike for cooking. Dan mentioned there are still opportunities and we could do it again. He'll get us a date.

**New Business:** An emergency Executive Committee meeting was held last night about opening our space as an emergency shelter for Oroville families seeking refuge from the possible breaching of the Oroville Dam's spillway. Our insurance said a claim against us in such a case would be looked upon with mercy. David posted the offer on Facebook, but the need seems to have been covered.

Karen reported that Mira Talbot-Pope has started an arts program for Guatemalan children, funded partly by making clothes with Guatemalan fabrics. She wondered if we could include her stuff in an artisan's fair in May (however, Karen and Verna will be gone hiking the Santiago Trail in May). Susan, Jen, and Karen will plan a little further and we will vote about it at the next meeting.

David reported that Simon Lyngge has not been able to book any other shows in this area and

would likely lose money by coming to do the show; we wondered if he would be interested in rescheduling for a time more conducive to bringing the family and making \$\$\$. Agreed. David reported that Fred Hayden offered to sponsor us in a variety of ways. He has already given us \$100 for things on our wish list and he and his wife would possibly like to be members. We will continue to discuss how to make use of this kind offer.

Bill Anderson from Paradise Coin has a hundred Norton Buffalo CDs that he would like to donate and let us keep the proceeds. He also wants to donate his ad in the Dogtown Nugget to us this year.

Susan mentioned that signing on to the internet through Xfinity here at the hall resulted in the autofill on her laptop harvesting the logins and passwords for Pyramid and Elizabeth and others. Be warned

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Dobra