

## **Paradise Community Guilds Business Meeting May 8, 2017**

Monthly meeting called to order at 7:35 pm

Roll Call of Officers present: David Zink, President; Dan Joseph, VP. Members present: Jennifer Petersen, Mike McGrath, Brian Marshall, Lisa Flores, Patricia Light, Susan Dobra

Minutes for April 10, 2017, were accepted unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Susan brought a sample of the new membership packet for all to see. It will contain our mission statement, vision statement, and values statement, a chart explaining the levels of participation (Friends of the Guilds, Donor, Full Member) with benefits and requirements of each level, the page Bruce designed for our dedication describing the Guilds and what we do, our bylaws, the State Guild bylaws, and a membership form. Susan noted that, since it's a little pricey to pass out, we would send a digital version to anyone who expresses an interest, and if they turn out to be serious, we'll give them a packet. Next, the Membership Committee will send out invitations to those among the Friends of the Grange who might be interested in simply volunteering. *Please send Susan (and copy David) any volunteer opportunities you anticipate a need for over the next several months.* David also requested that the Membership Committee work on a brochure for handing out to anyone interested in knowing what the Guilds is about.

**Rental:** Jen reported there will be one rental in June for a wedding. Discussion about how to ensure the hall, including floors, gets cleaned. Rental committee will propose a cleaning schedule for what to do on work days, what we need to hire someone for, and how Open Mikefull cleaning will intersect with that.

**Building and Grounds:** Dan reported that the stairs are finished and ready to be stained, probably like the stain on the picnic tables. Committee will propose stain plan to the whole group. Work day is regularly May 20 but will be moved the 27<sup>th</sup> due to scheduling conflicts. Fruit trees are growing; five still need to be put in the ground. Richard is double digging, which is labor intensive. Dan is keeping an eye on the bees, keeping them safe from skunks and coons and such. Jen mentioned that Mark from across the street told Michael, her husband, that we are not really zoned for bees and we might want to be aware of that. Jen also found out about getting internet for about \$80/month plus wifi router. David said we could get residential rates but then we wouldn't be able to guarantee a consistent rate. Could be as low as \$50. David also mentioned the progress with the roof. Our benefactor has given us a number of options (complete tear-off and new roof, roof-over which would just be putting new shingles over the old, patch). Dan has recommended complete tear-off because it will allow us to see where the actual problem is, and so we will be advocating for that.

**Events:** Artisans' Faire was May 6. There were 12 artisans @ \$25 space. Light food and snacks and beverages were available for sale and a raffle generated \$75. Total income from the event was approximately \$360—still doing final calculations. Next big event is June 23<sup>rd</sup> (Moody Little Sister). Possibly something first weekend in July to replace the Gold Nugget event that was cancelled. Severin Brown (Jackson's brother) and Pam Mark Hall (from Oroville, worked with

Bruce Cockburn) will be here in August. Discussion about having an outside event in July. Recommended to see who steps up to help with the Moody Little Sister concert and whether they would also be willing to offer their services for a concert in July. Also Brian Marshall will be organizing an event on June 1<sup>st</sup> for writers on the Ridge with Brian and three other authors. Brian asked for a couple of volunteers for the bar (Jen has sent for the ABC license, Guilds will keep the profits) and food service folks. Susan will leave the open mic setup from the night before on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Susan will also send Brian a document about how and where to advertise online. David will do an Eventbrite page.

**Community Action:** Susan has been in touch with the Ridge Coalition for Peace and Justice and they have proposed that we co-sponsor the Unity in Diversity Festival with them again this year, to be held September 16<sup>th</sup>. Susan recommended we do co-sponsor but noted that we would need more help this year, since last year we were short-handed. Pyramid Michael noted that there were many challenges last year with RCPJ's expectations. David said it felt good to do it last year and also mentioned that Jaime O'Neill criticized the event as being simply a way for liberals to make themselves feel better. Susan recommended including multi-cultural groups in the planning stages. She has reached out to international student groups for recommendations. Jen said it was her first Unity in Diversity Fest last year and noted that she enjoyed it and it seemed everyone there was having a good time. **Motion to co-sponsor the Unity in Diversity Festival with the Ridge Coalition for Peace and Justice. Passed unanimously.** Susan will coordinate with RCPJ.

**Garden:** Jennifer reported that Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 12 to 3 will be a garden event: Seed exchange, then potluck at 1 pm, then plant sale. Community garden would like to request \$200 to finish the watering system in the garden. **Motion to give garden \$200 for the water system. Passed unanimously.** Dan mentioned that the bees have an ongoing maintenance cost. David reminded us that we discussed at the GuildsStorm having each committee create a budget with income and expenses (therefore discretionary funds to spend). Sugar for the bees would fall into this category.

**Civil Dialogue:** Third meeting April 23rd, 15 people from Chico and Paradise in attendance, about half of whom were new. Good discussion on the topic of Next meeting May 21st, at the Norton Buffalo Hall, 4 to 6 pm, light potluck. We are working toward an Ethics Slam in the fall.

**Transformation:** We sent out good energy to Verna and Karen for their journey along the Camino de Santiago. David reported that we were informed that we are under California's "Old Corporate Law" which is distinguished from "New Corporate Law." We were advised to stay under Old, since it retains the most protections for keeping our property. Our new Articles of Incorporation invoked New. Therefore, the Articles of Incorporation have been revised again to more closely match the original, with just the change in name of the organization. This should keep us under Old. **Motion to accept revised Articles of Incorporation. Passed unanimously.** Also, the grant deed has been put in our name (Paradise Community Guilds) and we will NOT send the proposed letter to the National Grange, as we were advised that it will undermine the State Guild's legal strategy.

**Secretary's Report:** Karen sent the following report: Filed request with IRS to change name of our organization. Filed State and Federal tax returns. Sent thank you notes to the Butte County Master Gardeners, the Paradise Garden Club, and the Center for Spiritual Living for their recent donations to the "Raise the Roof" fund. Received notice from Town of Paradise regarding No Smoking or

Vaping Ordinance along with 2 window stickers that should be placed on the Hall. They are in the locked cabinet in the kitchen. Received reminder notice from Secretary of State to file Form SI-100 Statement of Information. I will do this when I return in June. This is due 7/31/2017.

**Treasurer's Report:** Verna reported the month's financial statements are posted on the web. We have \$5,514.51 in our checking account. Total income of \$1,528 included \$410 from the garden, \$100 in donations, \$690 from events, and \$200 from rentals. Total expenses of \$1,579.44 included \$66 events expenses, \$233 for insurance, \$175 in maintenance, \$100 in dues to the State Guild, and \$285 in utilities. Rental commission paid was \$87. Extra Storage has not yet sent their donation to us but we anticipate receiving it soon.

**Old Business:** Youth Guild has been advertising in the schools. Pyramid will be bringing stereo equipment to install. Youth are starting to feel excited about this project and are expressing their needs and desires. They want music, karaoke. Plan to open June 1<sup>st</sup> and go every Tuesday (changed from Thursday) throughout the summer for 8<sup>th</sup> grade to seniors.

Ken Donnell wrote to remind everyone about the California Trails Master Plan Project Conference on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 pm at the Chico Guild Hall. The conference will begin a plan to connect all bike and walking trails in California to make non-motorized travel around the state more possible. Music, coordinated by Susan, will be part of the event.

**New Business:** Lisa and David will be performing in a Leonard Cohen Tribute on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Room Theater to benefit the theater.

Susan brought to the attention of the group that the Sojourner's House on the Ridge (SHOR) Homeless would like us to consider allowing them to use the Norton Buffalo Hall for their Annual Rummage Sale and Pancake Breakfast the first weekend in August (Friday and Saturday). Event is usually held at the United Methodist on Clark but unable to be there this year due to plumbing being re-done. Susan recommended sponsoring them and donating the space, though she emphasized they will be responsible for doing everything. **Motion to allow SHOR to use the hall for free for their Annual Rummage Sale and Pancake Breakfast, and to sponsor the event. Passed unanimously**

Dan announced that the Chico Housing Action Team is closing their thrift store and that there will be a benefit concert Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Women's Club in Chico to raise money for the opening of a new one by Curtis Peldo's mother. Bhahapki and others will play.

Dan reported that the tree that fell on his truck and shop has been cleaned up and everything is OK. We offered our assistance with anything, like fixing the holes in the roof. Not right now, said Dan, but he'll call on us if he needs us.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Dobra