

Paradise Community Guilds Business Meeting June 12, 2017

Monthly meeting called to order at 7:35 pm after a very lively discussion about the status of California's water supply, led by our presenter Jim Brobeck, of Aqua Alliance. Ward Habriel contributed significantly from his expertise to the presentation.

Roll Call of Officers present: David Zink, President; Dan Joseph, VP. Members present: Pyramid Michael, Executive Committee member

The only other member present was Patricia Light.

Lacking the necessary quorum to establish an official meeting, no votes were taken. However, reports were given as our limited crew were able to produce them, and we offer these as a record of our discussion.

Minutes for May 8, 2017 were set aside, to be voted on at our next meeting (July 10).

Proposals for Membership: Four individuals attended who wish to be considered for membership. They were:

- Richard Mann (Paradise): Richard has been among us for a few years now, a dynamo in our gardens, participant at our weekly Open Mikeful, and present at our parties. His background includes extensive training in gardening and farming techniques, and he has been an active grower for many years.
- Ward Habriel (Paradise): Ward is a master composter, president of the Paradise Garden Club, active with the California Garden Club (former legislative director), a member of Love Paradise, and is eager to connect the various service organizations in Paradise to help make it a better place to live. He especially resonates with our Vision statement.
- Cheryl Habriel (Paradise): Cheryl is a master composter, member of Paradise Garden Club, and like Ward wants to work to make Paradise a better place to live.
- Pamm Larry (Chico): Pamm is an activist, celebrated locally as the author of the consequential Prop. 37 ballot initiative (2012). Pamm is also a member of Chico Community Guilds. She would like to join our ranks to establish a Good Food Brigade (Guild for Good Food), which seeks local food resilience.

David welcomed these seekers and assured them that Susan Dobra, Membership chair, will contact them in the coming week with info about joining.

Recommendation from President Zink: We require seekers for membership to attend two meetings — one for introductions, and a second to be voted in. It would be imprudent and unfair for lack of a quorum of members to cause seekers for membership to attend more than two meetings. They showed up even if we didn't. Therefore I recommend we count this meeting as the first for Richard, Ward, Cheryl and Pamm, and ask that Susan, our Membership chairperson, deliver membership packets to them as soon as possible (I will

provide this to Susan separately.)

Committee Reports:

Membership: Susan was on vacation, so there was not report.

Rental: Jen was absent, so there was no report. However, Cheryl and Ward Habriel shared their recent experience of rental by the Paradise Garden Club. This was their third rental of our facility and grounds, and the second consecutive. In summary, the Club was quite satisfied with the rental, the warm welcome by PCG, our participation in selling beer and wine at their Friday night celebration (\$189 income for PCG), and realized \$2,500 more in Club sales over the weekend than from the previous year. They'll do it again.

Building and Grounds: Dan reported that we've done a lot of mowing, and need to mow more. The next work day will need to be rescheduled to the following weekend (24th-25th). Dan will send out an email to confirm the date. We'll remove the tarps from the roof, and re-key the doors (necessitated by a missing key).

Events: In the absence of Verna and Susan, David gave a report. Our last event was Words on the Ridge, which celebrated the works of four local authors and drew about 40 audience members. The event was free, but we had beer and wine for sale. Finger foods were provided by the authors, and available for a donation, which went back to them.

The next House Concert-style event is Friday, June 23 with Moody Little Sister (Portland, OR). Our promotions have gone out online, KZFR is giving us plugs, and this is the time to send out press releases. Susan and JM will host and run sound, as David will be on vacation.

On the horizon we have Severin Browne (Aug. 10), Pam Mark Hall (Aug. 16), Unity In Diversity Festival (late-September), Halloween Stomp (late-October).

Potentials knocking at our door include the noted folk duo **Berkley Hart** (San Diego), **Jonathan Rowden Jazz Trio** (Los Angeles) a **Leonard Cohen Tribute** (multiple local artists), **To Wake You**, a lovely husband-wife duo from San Luis Obispo, and author **Jaime O'Neill**, who would like to provide a reading of his essays and fiction.

Discussion about having an outside event in July. This will depend on volunteers. Karma Kings had expressed interest in another performance; Paisani would also be an excellent choice. TBD.

Community Action: Susan was on vacation. **The Unity in Diversity Festival with the Ridge Coalition for Peace and Justice falls under this committee heading.** Susan will coordinate with RCPJ.

Garden: Jennifer was absent, so Richard gave an update in her stead. Things are looking good in both gardens, and the extended area too (vineyard, Andrew's Garden).

Civil Dialogue: Fourth meeting was May 19th, 5 people in attendance, including two of whom were new. Good discussion on the topic of Mind Frames / Reframing conversations. Next meeting June 18th, at the Norton Buffalo Hall, 4 to 6 PM, light potluck beginning at 3:30PM. We are working toward an Ethics Slam in the fall.

Youth Guild: Pyramid reported that the Youth are showing up, and are in the process of working out what they'd like to do with their Tuesday evenings at NBH. PCG members are there to support them, primarily Pyramid, Lisa, and Elizabeth.

Transformation: David indicated that we're waiting for Karen to return from her Camino to sign our new articles of incorporation document for filing with the state. This will complete the official filings for our transition from the previous org identity. David encouraged those in attendance to visit the website member section, read the leadership blog entries on values, and contribute to identifying a set of these for inclusion in our new members commitments.

Secretary's Report: In Karen and Susan's absence, David gave these updates:

- **Chico Enterprise Record** editor Mary Nugent responded to our Potluck & Presentation announcement asking if we'd like to be featured in Community Corners, a weekly column that introduces a club or org to the community. Someone will contact David soon for an interview.
- **Melissa Schuster**, Town Council Member, has reached out to PCG to explore doing a presentation at NBH on "Blue Zones," an effort to create Paradise as a place where quality of life indicators soar, along with local longevity. We are in discussion.
- **Pamm Larry** met with David last week to discuss establishing a new Good Food Guild, themed on efforts to create local food resilience that can withstand a catastrophic event.
- We received a check from **Charity Storage** in the amount of \$282.80! This comes via our sponsor Extra Self Storage. More may be on the way — ESS believes we're due \$1500 or so.

Treasurer's Report: Verna is on Camino, so there was no report for this month.

Old Business: David gave a check-in concerning the roof. We're waiting to hear from our roof sponsor when he'd like to get started.

New Business: We kept this to a brief discussion of values, and the need to re-key the hall due to a missing master key and missing hidden key.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Zink