

Paradise Community Guilds Business Meeting July 10, 2017

A presentation on "Sound Verbal Behavior" was given by Maximus Peperkamp, of the Butte College Psychology Department and was well received.

Monthly meeting called to order at 7:35 pm

Roll Call of Officers present: David Zink, President; Dan Joseph, VP; Verna Myers, Treasurer; Karen Quattlander, Secretary; Michael Walden, Executive Committee member. Members present: Jennifer Petersen, Mike McGrath, Lisa Flores, Patricia Light, Susan Dobra, Judy Fox, Nancy Eaton.

Minutes for May 8, 2017, and June 12, 2017, were accepted unanimously.

Presented for Membership: David Bilinski introduced himself and requested to be considered for membership. Pamm Larry and Richard Mann were accepted as members and initiated in our new initiation ritual. All members, in fact, recited the California Guild pledge for the first time.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Susan reported digital membership packets were sent out to nine individuals who were interested in membership and there have been requests by two more. In June, the Membership Committee sent out invitations to those among the Friends of the Grange who were interested in volunteering and received offers of help with several events. The Membership Committee will meet this Thursday, July 13 at 7 pm at the Norton Buffalo Hall and may proceed to another venue from there. Discussion will be about a few items of fine-tuning in the membership packet, the question of hours required for membership and a brochure for handing out to anyone interested in knowing what the Guilds is about. We will also plan an ice cream social for the end of July to encourage Friends of the Guilds to come have some fun with us.

Rental: Jen reported there will be a rental this weekend, June 15, for a wedding, so be sure to clean up after yourself if you use the hall between now and then. She brought up the topic of the need for new keys, but David Z. said Pyramid Michael has addressed that issue and brought keys. Jen also mentioned the partition at the door with Norton Buffalo's gallery of pictures on it was taken down by the Garden Club and not put back up. Also expressed concern that it might be a fire hazard. Verna noted that we get a fire inspection annually and that we should wait and see what they say. Jen also mentioned that the Girl Scouts who used the hall wanted to have an event there on September 16, but she then withdrew the request because the Unity in Diversity Festival has been scheduled for that date. Susan requested that the Rental and Building Committees consider what goes on the walls and where and noted that Richard Mann had brought forward an idea about each Guild being depicted by a framed poster or picture of their choice. We also have several Norton Buffalo pieces that could be hung. David Z. empaneled a Décor Committee, to include Susan, Karen, Richard, Jen, Lisa, and Pyramid and asked that committee to meet and bring a proposal to whole group.

Building and Grounds: Dan reported that the following work has been completed: stain front steps (Dan); take off roof tarps and sand bags (Steve, Richard, Dan); make progress on garden shed (Bruce, Mike, Dan); organize kitchen and office (Lisa, Verna, Lori); mow the grounds

(Bruce , Mike, David, Steve); clip front hedges (Susan). Proposed work is as follows: Finish garden shed; haul away debris from tree and bush trimming; install trim on back kitchen door; Take a look at exterior door off handicap ramp to facilitate repair from ant damage and trim as needed to allow for ease of use (it is sticking now); install new roof (estimated cost for materials \$2500; roof estimate from Ridge Roofing \$6300, no tear off included in bid); replace light switch in women's bathroom to match the simple one in the men's bathroom; change out roof vents; talk about a row of bushes to block head lights; fix our rotting porch. Roof is awaiting our benefactor to step into action. **Motion to make both bathrooms unisex and get appropriate signs was passed unanimously.**

Events: Moody Little Sister played June 23rd to rave reviews, from both audience and performers. David read an email from Naomi Hooley of MLS saying how much they enjoyed playing here. More than one person talked about how every single song was great—not a dull moment in the whole show. And Naomi played the piano! We gave MLS \$330 and dinner—and several glasses of wine. We took in \$255 from Eventbrite and \$225 at the door, so that totaled \$480. We split the door up to \$300 (after which everything goes to the artists), so we took our \$150 from that. We also made \$93 at the bar and \$14 from the kitchen, so our total take was \$257, but we should probably subtract the \$20 or so for their dinner. Thanks especially to Lisa and Dan for their help and training of apprentices David Bilinski, Dana Hanson, and Donna Dolinar. Severin Browne will play on August 10 and Pam Mark Hall will be here August 26th. The Events Committee is working on an idea to have two complete teams to put on shows, so we can do something every month without burning out the workers. Dates in the fall will be Zombie Stomp, October 27 or 28; November 11, Leonard Cohen Tribute; Jazz band possibly in October; Mark Davis and Shadowlands in December.

Community Action: Susan has been working with the Ridge Coalition for Peace and Justice on the Unity in Diversity Festival, to be held September 16th outside at the Norton Buffalo Hall. If you know of any culturally diverse performers, especially musicians, please let Susan know ASAP. Meetings will start soon. Lisa and Nancy have agreed to coordinate the silent auction. Susan challenged every member to bring in three items—either nice things from home or donated items from Paradise and Magalia and Chico businesses. Susan will compose a letter you can give to potential donors and mail it out to everyone. We need volunteers for the day of, to help with setting up, keeping the Green Room going, helping out. Please consider attending the meetings, to be announced soon.

Civil Dialogue: Susan and Lisa reported that the fourth meeting was held June 18. Five attended. Topic was framing, in which we compared traditional formal debate in the Ciceronian tradition with current public discourse in the talk radio tradition as a way in to understanding George Lakoff's insights about framing discourse, from his book, *Don't Think of an Elephant*. We had a great discussion about how to use these insights not to "win" an argument but rather to seek out differing and possibly shared perspectives--or at least to understand how different frames will yield different views of the same facts. We brainstormed some possible frames for current issues like health care and regulations, and agreed to bring to our next meeting a few more examples of how different frames yield different insights. We agreed to meet next on Sunday, July 23rd from 4 to 6, with more thoughts on the "ends" of civil dialogue, be they persuasion, mutual understanding, or identification with each other or with a particular "group."

Community Garden: Irrigation system, funded by A Seat at the Table, has been installed, along

with new faucets. Brian put it in, and it is a great boon to the gardeners. Also, we were gifted over 100 plants from Butte College and Deja Vu Antique and Nursery, just across the street on Pearson Rd, including many heirloom tomato plants, and are trying to get all of them into some soil. We are giving away any plants that we can't find room for to our neighbors and the local school gardens, and every member is invited to take some (they're in the garden area). We will have a lot of tomato sauce and salsa to can for the winter months! Community House Foundation (who has a thrift store on Almond) donated \$300, and there have been many anonymous donations from community. Tons of heirloom tomato plants from Butte College—everyone is invited to take some. Two plots are available in the plot garden. Harvest Celebration is being planned, if there are enough volunteers. Paradise Lending Library is having a seed swap on September 9 at the Bille Park Pavilion. Consider attending. You can also check out up to five packs of seeds from the library and then save your seeds from the crop and return them to the library. Gratitude to Richard for protecting the garden from deer and in general supporting the garden in many ways. Orchard and Bee Report from Dan: Richard got most of the fruit trees (partially donated by Mendon Nurseries) put in. Hit hard twice by deer, pruned the trees. Bees are doing well in one hive (started with 8,000 bees, now about 50,000 and there's honey ready for an extractor). The other hive has had a couple of queen assassinations, with a rogue queen taking over who may be a virgin queen, which is trouble for the hive, since she won't lay eggs. Big drama.

Youth: Pyramid and Lisa reported that more youths showing up to hang out (10-12). The Youth Guild is now thinking about liability—currently attendees are covered by our insurance. Also thinking about how to generate funds for snacks, etc. Guild is providing games. Hank Dean (teacher from New York) comes to teach hip-hop dancing. Had s'mores at a campfire last time. Would like to acquire a volleyball net or a ping-pong table.

Transformation: David Z. reported that this committee is near the end of its useful existence. Its purpose was to transform us from Grange to Guild, including procedures, legal issues, new bylaws, etc. Final filing of the Articles of Incorporation is imminent.

Secretary's Report: Karen sent the quarterly membership report to the California Guild. We lost seven members and are currently at 24, adding two more as of this meeting. Sent a thank-you note to the Rotary for a donation of \$500 for chairs. We received schedule from The Hub, which will post. David reported that Berry Creek Guild in Bald Rock outside of Oroville is doing a Berry Festival Saturday, August 12, and David would like to send a contingent. Regional Meeting of the Guild (formerly Pomona) July 23 at DeSabra and August 27 at Yankee Hill. Filed with Secretary of State: Form SI-100 Statement of Information.

Treasurer's Report: Verna reported the month's financial statements are posted on the web. We have \$7,977 in our checking account. A total of \$4,566.73 has been put aside for the roofing fund, which has been quite successful, with over \$1250 coming from the crowdfunding campaign as well, totaling nearly \$6000, which is more than we may need for roofing materials and tear-off. We could possibly use the rest for new chairs, along with Rotary grant. **Motion to pay off our loan from the California Guild for the septic completely passed unanimously.** Total income of \$3,479.82 included \$130 from the garden, \$820 in donations, \$1,125 from events (including \$340 from Open Mikefull), and \$590 from rentals.

Old Business: Extra Self-Storage will continue to send us contributions through Charity Storage organization. Chairs will be picked up this weekend by Amy Dzhgalian of Burbank, who bought

them for \$300.

New Business: Dan handed out flyers for Trails and Vistas, September 9 at Lake Tahoe and Galena Creek Regional Park. Great music, fun time hiking, for a wild artistic experience. See Dan if you're interested in going. Chico Guild member Mary Mulchawsky's sister and brother-in-law (Laurie and Russell) lost their home in Wall Fire. **Motion to donate \$50 to the crowdfunding site from the Paradise Community Guilds passed unanimously.**

Pyramid announced he has new keys and you should trade in your old one with him. Proposed that we consider how to deal with the lock box and its combination. Rental and Building Committee will come up with a proposal.

Pyramid said the Youth Guild wants wifi and it's also important for security reasons. **Motion to get wifi for a cost of up to \$60/mo in the building with friendly amendment to add \$200 startup costs to purchase a router and modem passed unanimously.**

Pamm Larry noted that she is working with the Butte County Good Food Network on a short film festival and local speakers needs local speakers from Paradise or Oroville on community gardens, local farming, etc.

For the good of the order: Susan thanked Dan for hosting a 4th of July picnic at his house and suggested we do more fun things like that.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Dobra