

## **Paradise Community Guilds Business Meeting September 11, 2017**

A presentation on Yellowstone Kelly, Old West legend and Paradise resident, was given by members of the Gold Nugget Museum's Yellowstone Kelly Committee, which will be dedicating the bike path to this intriguing historical figure on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Depot Park.

Monthly meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. The opening ritual was conducted, and an Omaha Tribe prayer poem was read. The group sang "We Better Make Hay When the Sun Shines."

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, Susan Dobra, Elizabeth Evans, David Bilinski, Patricia Light, Lisa Flores, Richard Mann.

Minutes for August 14, 2017, were accepted unanimously.

Presented for Membership: Bill Dolinar presented himself and his wife Donna for membership. Bill Hartley presented himself for membership. John-Michael Sun was initiated into full membership with a rousing initiation ritual.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** The Membership Committee did not meet this month but will be meeting next Monday, September 18 at 6 pm at Susan's house to discuss a fall membership drive, rescheduling the ice cream social, and refining the guidelines for membership.

**Rental:** Jen reported there will be no rentals in September, one in October. We have a sponsorship on the Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> by the California Health Department about SNAP and healthy eating from 8 to 3. If anyone wants to attend they should register. She passed around information. Also Girl Scouts will be doing ceremony at the Hall Saturday, September 23 at 6 pm. Permaculture Design Course might be held here. Rosa needs 10 people and she currently has 4. Starts last weekend in September, October 7, 8 and November \$50 discount for us, for a course that costs \$850, and you can make installment payments. Butte College classes leading up to this permaculture course are about \$5. Jen will post info on Facebook and our web page.

**Building and Grounds:** Dan reported that more progress was being made on the garden shed, putting siding on and more, thanks to help from John-Michael Sun, Bruce Murray, Mike McGrath, David Bilinski, and Dan Joseph. David B. is donating a door as well. Bad news: We uncovered some rot problems on the front porch that will need immediate attention. We need to put a material list together and estimate costs. Work day is September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m. **Motion to approve up to \$200 to fix the porch was approved unanimously.** Bees are doing well (one hive kicking butt, one catching up). We need an extractor—contact Dan if you know of one. Also still needed to do: Possible work in the garden; haul away debris from tree and bush trimming; install trim on back kitchen door; take a look at exterior door off handicapped ramp to facilitate repair from ant damage and trim as needed to allow for ease of use (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.

**Events:** No meeting this month but two events: Severin Browne, August 10, made \$317, gave \$615 to Severin; Pam Mark Hall, August 26, made \$164 for the Guilds, paid \$345 to Pam. Next event is Zombie Stomp October 28<sup>th</sup> which is a decoration-heavy event. Verna will be contacting you to help. Publicity will be sponsored by Peter Nicoara of Paradise Printing. Leonard Cohen event will be November 11. Events Committee will meet after the Membership Committee next Monday at Susan's house.

**Community Action:** Susan reported that Community Action has been focused on the Unity in Diversity Festival this Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Performance schedule is finalized. Silent auction still needs contributions, particularly gift certificates from local businesses. Please also sign up to be at the event to help, if at all possible. Snacks (cookies, brownies, etc.) are needed as well, both to sell and for the Green Room. PCG is donating two tickets to an upcoming concert to the SHOR Annual Dinner and Silent Auction this Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Susan also has tickets to the dinner to sell, if you would like to go, \$30 per.

**Community Garden:** Jen reported that everything is going very well. Keeping things from being scorched is the major challenge. Tomatoes abound—some in the kitchen for taking and Jen took some to the Food Pantry. Paradise Seed Swap at Bille Park took place last Saturday. Good Food Network had a table. Plots are available in the plot garden. Eric was in the hospital with an infected heart valve, relapsed, is on antibiotics.

**Civil Dialogue:** David reported that the Civil Dialogue Guild met Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm following a brief 3:30 pm snack potluck. Six persons attended, including moderators David Zink and Susan Dobra. We tackled two topics: 1) David spoke on the differences between belief and faith from a societal perspective. Placing our faith in each other as citizens seems harder to do than ever, but it is critical to our survival as a country; 2) Susan led us through a discovery of the nonviolent communication techniques taught by Marshall Rosenberg. We took turns trying out the skills and fine-tuning them. Our next meeting is on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm with a potluck at 4 pm (time changed to accommodate the Butte Regional Guild). Our topics: 1) The Non-violent Communication Toolbox, Part II (Susan Dobra educates us in skills taught by Marshall Rosenberg; 2) Skills Practice with Red Teams. We'll put what we've been learning to the test by role-playing conversations. We will begin to plan our own Big Ethical Question Slam. David Bilinski said he'd try to bring someone on the opposite side of the political spectrum.

**Youth:** Elizabeth and Pyramid reported that they met four times last month. Kids are back in school and getting back into their routine. We feed them, try to engage them in other skills. Looking for ideas to help them hold interest. Teens offered to help decorating for the Zombie Stomp. Elizabeth suggested we consider having a Halloween Dance for the teens the day before ours. To be discussed. Nancy brought a karaoke machine for Youth Guild use. David Z. has a friend who teaches magic and will connect him to YG.

**Secretary's Report:** Karen reported that we received an invitation to the Yellowstone Kelly Trail dedication. We received the quarterly newsletter from Berry Creek that has their calendar and

announcements. Bob McFarland requested that we sign affidavits that say we are not being misled by the California Guild, currently being re-drafted. Stay tuned.

**Treasurer's Report:** Verna reported the month's financial statements are posted on the web. As of September 7<sup>th</sup>, we have \$5,691.48 in our checking account. We have \$4873.83 plus \$1,250 from the crowdfunding campaign in the roof fund. PG&E bill is posted online so you can see what your event costs.

**Old Business:** David is still researching wi-fi/email. Roof: David Z had a conversation with Dan Kennedy, who had some health problems this summer and therefore is playing catch-up with his crew. They may be able to do at least one side of the roof in late October. David said we could do the tear-off and Dan said that would be great. David Z asked for volunteers. David B pointed out that timing is of the essence and that we will need a dumpster. Will coordinate with Dan K. Susan and David are continuing to work on the 501c3 application and will make more progress when the Unity in Diversity Festival is over. Are we having fun?

**New Business:** California Guild Bylaws specify that the President of the local chapter and his wife are delegates for the California Guilds State Convention. David will be a delegate but not Lori. To illustrate the importance of having a vote, David pointed out that Governor Jerry Brown just signed legislation to give veterans training in organic farming, legislation that started in the California Guild. Guild is also working on banning glyphosate (key ingredient in Round-Up). California Trails project was also generated on the floor of the California Guild convention. We need second delegate and two alternate delegates for the State Convention. You can vote your conscience. Elected by a majority vote were Pyramid Michael as delegate and Verna and Lisa (Saturday) as alternates. Susan was selected as Regional representative, with Karen alternating in on Friday morning/afternoon. David urged all members to read the Leadership Blog on the NortonBuffaloHall.com website (password Demeter490) to be aware of the resolutions being put forward from the Paradise Guild for State Guild bylaws changes. These were formulated and approved by the Executive Committee in August to meet the August 14 deadline.

Nancy Alvarez of Butte Regional Guild has asked each guild to make a basket and sell tickets at \$2.00 each to fund scholarships. The gift baskets will be raffled off at the September meeting which will be held at the Norton Buffalo Hall on September 24<sup>th</sup>, along with a 2-day stay at the Ocean View Lodge on the Mendocino Coast (spa suite, 500 sq. feet, bottle of champagne, chocolate covered strawberries, the works), a package worth over \$600. Tickets for this special raffle are \$5.00 each. Raffle tickets are available at today's meeting and will be in the cabinet for purchase.

Heirloom Expo in Santa Rosa on September 5, 6, 7 had good representation by the California Guild, including our President, David Zink and member Pamm Larry. Zen Honeycutt of Moms Across America, Robert Kennedy, Jr., and California Guilds Prez Bob McFarland were also on the program.

On a sad note, Pamm Larry's brother died. Condolences to her and her family. Tom Gagne is on the mend from spleen, pancreas surgery. Good news: A new Guild was formed in Los Angeles.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Dobra