

Paradise Community Guilds Business Meeting October 16, 2017

Because the previous Monday's potluck and business meeting were cancelled because of the Honey Run Fire, this rescheduled meeting was truncated and there was no presentation; however members did share a potluck dinner.

Monthly meeting called to order at 6:35 pm. The opening ritual was conducted, and Susan read a prayer poem about the moon turning into Kwan Yin and then disappearing. 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, Patricia Light, Nancy Eaton, John-Michael Sun.

Minutes for September 11, 2017, were accepted unanimously.

Presented for Membership: Bill Hartley was initiated into full membership with a sincere and mirthful initiation ritual.

President Zink reported on the recent California Guild statewide convention at Feather Falls Casino in Oroville (October 12, 13, 14). A number of resolutions were passed (talk to Pyramid or Verna about which ones—most are online unless they were revised as part of the process). Google California Guild Convention to see the full range of resolutions. There was a wide diversity of perspectives represented. We learned more about the lawsuit with the National Grange, which is in mid-process, awaiting a judgement on the merits of the case.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Susan reported that the Membership Committee met Monday, September 18, 2017, 6 pm at Susan's House. Discussed the fact that the Habriels can't come most Mondays; Susan has contacted them to find out if there's a Monday they CAN come to be initiated. Sponsorship Wall, aka "Gratitude Wall" was discussed, starting with online—David will create a page with Sponsor logos: Sierra Nevada, KZFR, Paradise Printing, Ridge Shopper, Rotary Club, Extra Storage, Dan Kennedy's Construction Company. Mendon's Nursery. Anyone else? Let David know. Next we will design a physical display on the front of the building. Distinction between Sponsors, Supporters, and Donors: Sponsors: High Value and/or ongoing support; Supporters: Over \$100 in one-time support; Donors: List of everyone who donates in any way (maybe listed online but not on building??). Membership Packet is evolving. Questionnaire is being drafted, added (Why do you want to be a member? What are your interests? What skills do you bring?), Membership Card has been designed by Bruce and Verna had some printed for all members, to be distributed soon. Next project: PCG Brochure for handing out—next. Get your ideas in now. Ice cream social membership event will morph into a holiday/solstice dinner/membership event Thursday, December 21st, 7 pm, which will replace our monthly potluck/presentation/business meeting.

Rental: Jen reported that on the 23rd of September, we hosted the Girl Scouts ritual and Susan accepted a certificate of thanks from them. On the 26th, we sponsored a SNAP community garden and school gardens workshop. We learned we may be able to get funding for our garden from the SNAP state program. We have some interest from 4H and the Girl Scouts (third and fourth Monday of the month) in exchange for a community service day. **Motion to allow the 4H and Girl Scouts to use our hall until the end of the year in exchange for a work trade negotiated by Jennifer Petersen was passed unanimously.** Rental Committee will meet in November. We need a new cleaning person. Susan has a possible candidate and will report to Jen and the Committee.

Building and Grounds: Dan reported that progress was made on the front porch by Dan and John-Michael working all day last Saturday. It is still torn out and needs more materials and work. It was discovered by Nancy E. that the left side sink in the kitchen was leaking, so Dan and Pyramid took it out, rebuilt the cabinet and got a

new sink from the Habitat for Humanity ReStore. The job is currently in progress. Work day is up in the air. **Motion to install solar tubes when we have the roof off if the Executive Committee determines that it is financially and logistically feasible was approved unanimously.** Bees are buzzing. We still need an extractor—contact Dan if you know of one. Completed work: The Siding is done on the garden shed. Proposed work: Finish garden shed; finish repairing damage to the front deck; possible work in the garden; 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, as it is sticking now; install new roof estimated cost for materials \$2500; roof estimate from Ridge Roofing \$6300.00, 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: Next event: Halloween Ball & Zombie Stomp October 28th, with decorating October 27th. Leonard Cohen event will be November 11th. Verna also showed two samples of Norton Buffalo Hall t-shirts to be sold at events. **Motion to empower the Events Committee to make final decisions about purchase and sale of Norton Buffalo Hall t-shirts, since they will be sold at events passed unanimously.** Verna also purchased a fog machine at the Theatre on the Ridge Rummage Sale for use at our events. Concern was expressed about the ingredients of the fog. Susan will research, and if necessary, we will use it only on the porch.

Community Action: Unity in Diversity Festival was a grand success!! The UDF was held outdoors at Norton Buffalo Hall Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 3 pm to 7 pm. Multicultural performances graced the main stage throughout the afternoon, with children's activities including a balloon man and making instruments which were later played in the children's parade/dance. A number of nonprofits, including PCG, tabled outside and PCG sold snacks and held a silent auction inside, which netted over \$1000, thanks to PCG members and organizers Nancy Eaton and Lisa Flores. Also thanks to David Zink and John-Michael Sun for sound; Pyramid Michael, Dan Joseph, and Michael McGrath for parking, tabling, raffle-ticket selling, and general help; Jen Petersen for photography (see her pix on Facebook!); Patricia Light and her friend Rosa, Dan and Linda Solari, and others (sorry if I'm forgetting you!) for help at the snack bar and elsewhere (By the way, Dan and Linda's karma came back to them as winners of the raffle for the romantic weekend at Ft. Bragg!!) Ridge Coalition for Peace and Justice thanked us for a successful collaboration and great vibes. SHOR Annual Dinner & Silent Auction included two tickets to a future PCG event. SHOR thanks us—they made over \$8000 at this event. Stay tuned for future collaborations with SHOR, especially in light of the recent resolution passed at the State Guild Convention for Guilds to reach out to the homeless in their communities.

Community Garden: Jen reported that the garden is phasing out its summer harvest (tomatoes, etc.) and starting on the winter garden. Will plant cover crops, amend the soil, mulch with straw, avoid having to buy soil to amend. Richard and Jen are negotiating the percentage of cover crop each will use. Will cover some rows and deal with wildlife issues. Deer have decimated the orchard, so we need to deal with that (wrap the trees, raise the fence). Dan will bring over wire to help. Vineyard is suffering; we need help watering. They were on a timer last spring. Permaculture workshop will be first weekend in November so let's be prepared and spruce up.

Civil Dialogue: The Guild for Civil Dialogue held its eighth meeting on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 4:30PM. Seven attended. We enjoyed light potluck together prior to the meeting. Susan Dobra, PhD, led us through a continued exploration of the skills of non-violent communication as taught by Marshall B. Rosenberg, PhD. Attendees took turns practicing how to voice disagreement, complaint or criticism in a neutral manner for constructive purpose. (It ain't easy.) For the moment we have tabled our Big Ethical Question Slam idea until we find more regular attendees. Our next meeting will be held this coming Sunday, October 15th at 4PM. From Susan: We are recruiting participants for role-playing for this session, and anyone interested in reading some recent letters to the editor in the Paradise Post for inspiration and then role-playing a Trump supporter for some lively but civil exchanges is encouraged to attend. All community members are welcome to join us! Next meeting is Sunday, November 12 at 4 pm, potluck snacks at 3:30 pm. All political and religious points of view are welcome.

Youth: Pyramid reported that between 6 and 10 youth are still showing up. They come and work on their homework and hang out. Teachers and administrators at the school are starting to hear about us and are excited. Teens will be taken up on their offer to help decorating for the Zombie Stomp. Verna suggested they make cookies. They are very happy that we have installed wi-fi. Karen reported that she and Verna met the wife of the new principal on the walking path and she is excited about getting involved with what we are doing, including Youth Guild and Open Mikefull.

Secretary's Report: Karen reported that we will send a get well card to Tom Gagne. She has completed the Quarterly Membership Report to be sent to the California Guild. We currently have 28 members, having added 4 in the past quarter. The Hub sent their new schedule. We received a thank-you from SHOR for the tickets we donated for their silent auction. We received a certificate from the Girl Scouts made out to "Buffalo Norton Hall," which members found amusing. We received Berry Creek's calendar of events. Karen has also instituted a mail stacking tray setup for each of the officers in the office, where you can leave correspondence for them.

Treasurer's Report: Verna reported the month's financial statements are posted on the web. As of September 7th, we have \$8,021.21 in our checking account. Susan transferred \$1,250 from the crowdfunding campaign into the bank account roofing fund, which, counting also \$224.80 from Unity in Diversity (20%), brings us to a total of \$6,473.13 for the roof. Financial reports are online for your inspection. PG&E bill is also posted online so you can see what your event costs.

Old Business: David reported that we have a new 10 x 10 storage unit at Extra Storage (K-33) for all Guilds stuff. Pyramid said the key will be in the money box, labeled, in an envelope with the passcode to get into the gate at Extra Storage. We need to write them a thank-you note and also one to the CNR and Ray's Liquors for the wine tasting benefit. We are pleased to report we have installed wi-fi/email. The password is on the inside of the cabinet door and in the office cabinet. Two speeds: NBH is fastest, NBH-Guest has the widest range. Roof: Dan has calls into the lumber yard about materials (\$2600 or so, based on previous estimate from supplier). Dan Kennedy said we are going to have to give him a 3-week window, we do the tear-off (we have 7 volunteers), pray for no rain, and get the roof put on. Jen reminded us we can't do it when we have a rental. We will schedule the tear-off, tarp it, and wait for Dan K to do his thing. David proposed a roofing committee with David, Dan, Susan, and John-Michael to move forward with this project. Nancy asked about purchasing chairs. David answered we were going to wait to see what we had to spend on the roof and then spend the rest on the chairs. Are we having fun? Karen said yes.

New Business: Paradise Community Guilds will elect officers next month for two-year terms. If you have not yet served as an officer, please consider doing so. KZFR is having its pledge drive starting the 25th and they are looking for phone volunteers. Several volunteered. Susan will send around the schedule. Verna asked for donations for prizes for Halloween costumes. Contact her. Karen suggested we volunteer for Safe Space dinner at least once a month. Jen reported that Eric is recovering OK. He was grateful for the card. Dan is moving and needs boxes and possibly help. Drop boxes off at the hall. Dan will send us an email when he needs help. Patricia Light mentioned she has family in Santa Rosa whose house burned to the ground. Please send some energy and possibly donations to Ceres food, which is feeding the displaced.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Dobra