

Paradise Community Guilds Business Meeting November 13, 2017

Dan Joseph gave a thrilling presentation about bees whilst deftly extracting the honey from combs harvested (the first!) from our very own hives. Mike, David, and Susan helped Dan scrape the wax from the full combs, and then inserted them into the new, new extractor, acquired (for a good price) by Dan from a man in Sacramento who advertised it on craigslist. Dan, David, Mike and several others turned the hand-cranked extractor and produced eventually a bucket of rich, sweet, gold—"Guilder's Gold" is the temporary name, but suggestions are being solicited. Let's have a contest!

David then showed a bunch of wonderful pictures from Saturday night's Leonard Cohen tribute, an amazing, sold-out event (140 seats!) that was touted by many who attended, including on KZFR this morning, as a divinely enchanting evening. Eighteen musicians came together to share song and benefit the Norton Buffalo Hall

Monthly meeting called to order at 7:35 pm. The opening ritual was conducted, and Susan read a prayer by Susan Griffin about the beauty of trees, growing together, for no purpose known by humans but no detail unloving. The group sang "We Better Make Hay When the Sun Shines."

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

Minutes for October 16, 2017, were accepted unanimously.

Presented for Membership: Phyllis Parent presented herself for membership and introduced herself for those who didn't already know her. Ronda Hoffman was initiated into full membership with our somewhat pompous but nonetheless precious initiation ritual.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Susan reported that the Membership Committee did not meet this month but will meet Thursday, December 7 to plan the upcoming December Solstice Ritual Celebration and Potluck Monday, 7 pm at Susan's House and design the online "Gratitude Wall," the Questionnaire, and PCG Brochure.

Rental: Jen reported the hall is being rented this coming Saturday for a Celebration of Life and David will help set up sound for them. We had a series of permaculture workshops that resulted in a base map for our property, which Jen will share with us and that will guide us in how to move forward with the design of our property. Rental meeting was held Thursday, November 9 to discuss new policies and procedures. New maintenance person is Verna. Third Monday of the month will be used by 4H for dog training (outside of the hall). They would like to use the linoleum part of the hall for inside training. More info was requested. Next Rental Committee meeting will be January 25 at Verna's. If anyone wants to be paid for setting up tables and chairs for rentals, let Jen know.

Building and Grounds: Dan reported that this was a busy month for him (moving) so not much was done on the building. John-Michael, Mike, Dan, and Susan did tarp the roof before the rain and Pyramid finished plumbing the new sink in the kitchen. Dan and Mike got tar paper on the roof of the garden shed but would like to finish that project. Dan proposed a work day Sunday afternoon if it doesn't rain. Verna proposed prioritizing the front porch, since it affects our rentals. Karen reported that the Executive Committee met and authorized up to \$500 to be spent on the parking lot for gravel, since she has a neighbor who has offered to grade it for free.

Events: Halloween Costume Party & Zombie Stomp October 28th, was a rousing success—great costumes, great music, lots of dancing and fun. We made \$175 on the door and \$423 on bar and tips and \$85 on the raffle, and the band, which was paid \$755 and they donated \$100 back to us. Dan requested that we purchase a locked, partitioned cash box for the bar. Nancy said she had one she could bring in. Mark Davis and [Karoline Hausted](#) from SLO will perform January 27 and David Leon Zink will open for them. Chico Guild will present Chuck Brodsky on January 26th. Events on March 10 (Eric Taylor), April 15 (Ian Ethan Case). April 28 (Berkley Hart),

with the possibility of a Valentine's Day event called "Duets," suggested by Peter Berkow, which would also be a dinner. Leonard Cohen tribute night made \$2,726 gross—bills still being calculated.

Community Action: Hibernating, to be resurrected at GuildsStorm.

Community Garden: Jen reported that the Phyllis brought in wildflower seeds to attract bees to your garden, so please take some. Community House Thrift Store donated \$300 in the spring to the garden and so in return, the community garden donated about \$50 in seeds for their winter garden. Garden group is setting a date for the annual plant sale. Please see Jen if you are interested in attending a Garden meeting.

Civil Dialogue: The Guild for Civil Dialogue held its ninth meeting yesterday (Sunday, November 12) at 4:00PM. Four attended. Good discussion. We will discuss our future at our next meeting. David shared a definition of civility with the group from a book entitled *Civility*: "the sum of the sacrifices we make in order to journey together." Also read from a book called *In Defense of Politics* by Bernard Crick. "There is no end to the praises that can be sung of politics..." Susan added that the Civil Dialogue Guild may be morphing somewhat beyond its original charter, so if you have any ideas about what kind of discussions or interactions would be interesting to you, please let her or David, Lisa or Dan know by email or otherwise.

Youth: Pyramid reported that because of the holidays and other issues, Youth Guild decided to suspend meetings until the spring. In the meantime, there will be discussions about how to move forward. David asked what the major value of it has been so far. Elizabeth said it was a safe space, a place to hang out, get homework done, and interact. Pyramid felt it was a worthwhile project, in that the youth saw what an organization like this was like and had an opportunity to discover themselves and be creative. Going forward, perhaps more structure. Lisa said that in the beginning there was a lot more opportunity for outside activities (campfires, etc.) but as school got going, all they were able to focus on was getting their homework done. Maybe in spring and summer, more outdoors.

Secretary's Report: Karen reported that no correspondence came to us this month. David requested that Karen frame our charter so we could hang it on the wall.

Treasurer's Report: Verna reported the month's financial statements are posted online for your inspection. As of, we have \$8,307.86 in our checking account. We have \$6,781.73 in the roof fund, which was built up by taking 20% from all events.

Old Business: The roof: We are going to tear off ourselves. So the question is should we do anything this winter or should we wait until spring? Dan Kennedy might be more available during the winter. President Zink proposed a separate meeting about the game plan during the work day on Sunday. Nancy suggested that Ace might be able to get us chairs at wholesale price. Jen will speak to the owner.

Are we having fun?

New Business: Susan informed everyone that Julia Grobbel, a Paradise High School student doing her senior project, would like us to sponsor her poetry reading event on December 22nd and give her a good rental rate. **Motion to sponsor Julia's poetry reading and to rent her the hall for \$25, with the stipulation that we would split anything over that 50-50, passed unanimously.**

At the first meeting after November 1, according to its bylaws, Paradise Community Guilds elects new officers. By the terms of the California Guild bylaws and the Paradise Community Guilds, officers shall be elected for two year terms. But it was pointed out that last year's election was held under the old bylaws, which make no stipulation about term lengths. **Motion to vote tonight to elect officers for two-year terms passed unanimously.** Nancy suggested we stagger officer terms, so we do not have a whole new team in any given year. Pyramid pointed out that we hold a position until someone replaces us, according to Robert's Rules of Order, which we operate under according to our bylaws. David also noted that technically we are supposed to have a number of other ceremonial officers. However, those officers' being ceremonial, we have received dispensation to forgo them if we so desire.

One Executive Committee member position (Verna's) is open. Jennifer Peterson was nominated and elected. President David Zink expressed willingness to continue as President. He was nominated and elected. Vice-President Dan Joseph expressed willingness to step down but, no other nominee stepping forward, was nominated and elected. Treasurer Verna Myer was willing to step down but was nominated and elected. Secretary Karen Quattlander expressed a willingness to step down but was nominated and elected. Susan Dobra was nominated for Lecturer and was elected. Lisa Flores was nominated for Chaplain and was elected. Congratulations to all officers!!

David requested that we all think about what roles are still needed and discuss those needs at GuildsStorm.

Update on the Grange Wars: Jacinto Guild was taken over by the Komski group, who recruited a member who changed the locks. They are meeting in the parking lot. The National Grange has spent \$7 million on this effort to keep out of the National Grange. David reported that the next hearing will be in Sacramento on November 20. If the Grange wins, they get the offices in Sacramento and all the Guild monies held in trust by UC Davis Medical Center. Based on this, the Komski California Grange may decide they want to take possession of the California Guilds' corporate documents.

Patricia reported to us that her sister and her son and his wife own two houses in Santa Rosa, one of which was burned to the ground. The son and wife, married three years, are living with her sister. David suggested that we reach out and offer some kind of help. Patricia will find out what they need. The Executive Committee will move forward with it once we know what is needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Dobra