

Paradise Community Guilds Business Meeting March 12, 2018

Our own Pyramid Michael and Karen Quattlander gave a presentation on how they built their home with the environmentally and structurally sound method of Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs) Construction. They walked us through the process and showed how the house, which we have enjoyed the hospitality of for meetings and GuildsStorms, came together.

Monthly meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. The opening ritual was conducted, and Chaplain Lisa read two poems about stewarding Mother Earth. David read to us the words of a Brazilian song, "The Waters of March."

Roll Call of Officers: David Zink, President; Dan Joseph, VP; Verna Myers, Treasurer; Lisa Flores, Chaplain; Pyramid Michael Walden, Executive Committee Member; Jennifer Petersen Karen Quattlander, Secretary; Susan Dobra, Lecturer. Members present: Richard Mann, Patricia Light, Zeke Lipe, and Charlsey Cartwright.

Minutes for February 12, 2017, were amended to add officers present Karen (Secretary) and Jennifer Petersen (Executive Committee member) and guests presenting themselves for membership Christy Marx and Mahara Renay. With these amendments, the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Jennifer Bellamy, Bill Sanborn, Lynn _____ presented themselves for membership and introduced themselves,

Joel Allen, Bill Dolinar, Donna Dolinar, and Jay Rose were initiated through our arcane initiation process into the Paradise Community Guilds by taking oath to uphold our values and help us achieve our mission.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Paradise Community Guilds Membership Committee met on Monday, February 19th, 6 pm, primarily to discuss the upcoming Membership Event: Spring Equinox Ritual & Potluck Dinner, Tuesday, March 20th, at 7 pm. We began planning the Ritual, which will have a tai chi component and involve seeds nestled in handmade paper with intention vocalized (either whisper to it or speak out loud to the group. We wanted to ask Lisa, our chaplain, to do a reading. And we will create a handout that explains all the things we do, date of the next potluck/presentation, how to take the next step if you're interested in membership. We are also working on a Questionnaire that Susan will draft, for Survey Monkey and on paper, asking Why do you want to be a member? What would you like to see offered? What skills, abilities, talents do you have to offer? What do you want from us? Perhaps there will be a special question for new members about their experience. We are still working on a Gratitude Wall and a New Member Buddy System/Mentors and a Membership Brochure. Next meeting: Sunday at 6 pm at the Norton Buffalo Hall, with pizza.

Rental: Jennifer reported that lots of rentals coming up—please check the online calendar. The calendar can be found online in the Gmail account or on the nortonbuffalohall.com website under Members (password: Demeter490). Special work/beautification day on April 21, Saturday (Earth Day) with 4H and Girl Scouts—and special lunch. All members are invited!! Rental Committee meeting soon; let Jen know if you're interested and she'll email you

Building and Grounds: Dan reported that the upcoming usual work day has been usurped, so he proposed a work day on Sunday, March 18 at 9 a.m. The big ongoing project is the deer fence around the garden. Thanks to Richard, John-Michael, and Michael and, of course, Dan, for the work done. Once that is done, we can repopulate the orchard with new trees. Catherine Miyamoto, open mic poet, donated some deer fencing, for which we are grateful.

Events: Verna reported that the Events Committee did not meet this month and there were no events, since Eric Taylor cancelled March 10. Meeting Monday, March 19, at 7 pm to invite and train new volunteers. Leonard Cohen event coming up will be March 29 and 30, with the first night being a special videotaping night with dinner--\$35 tickets will cover all that and a CD. The March 30th concert will also be videotaped but will be a regular house concert. Tickets are \$20 and include a CD. We need volunteers to work the door, the parking lot,

and other slots. Coming up: April 15 (Ian Ethan Case), April 28 (Berkley Hart).

Community Action: Paradise Community Guilds Community Action Committee met on Monday, February 19th, 7 pm and discussed the possibility of activism through Guilds values. SHOR, Safe Space, Relay for Life are good community action. But what about political action? As a nonprofit, we can't be partisan but can be political. We discussed the possibility of an upcoming workshop for community action designed to plan something to do, as a group experience, perhaps facilitated by our more activist members, such as possibly a Bumpersticker Workshop, then moving on to signs on a corner workshop that would be somewhat in your face but with PCG values. David mentioned that we could also submit resolutions to the State convention by August, if we want to have political clout. If anyone is interested, please talk to Susan. Relay for Life Rummage Sale, which we are co-sponsoring, will be here at the Norton Buffalo Hall this Saturday, March 17, from 7 am until 4 pm. Please come and spend some money!!

Community Garden: Jen reported that Lisa donated a greenhouse for the garden—thank you, Lisa!! Plant Sale will be a Home and Garden Festival, renting spots inside and outside, with information booths for Master Gardeners, Garden Club, seed libraries. Available will be garden art, jams and jellies, anything that is garden-related. Date will be May 5th and volunteers and needed! Karen, Pyramid, and Jen went to Paradise Community Village to give a talk about the community garden and offered our help at getting theirs started. Folks from The Hub may come and help with the community garden.

Civil Dialogue: The Guild for Civil Dialogue met with just three people and we didn't really talk about anything other than the GrangeWars. We will be meeting Sunday, March 18 at 3:45 PM for hors d'oeuvres and 4:00 PM for meeting.

Youth: On hiatus until the spring.

Secretary's Report: Karen reported that we received correspondence from the Secretary of State regarding our Norton Buffalo Hall Foundation 501c3. Susan said they require a revision to our application and that she will send it back.

Treasurer's Report: Verna reported that as of March 11, we have \$9,128 in our checking account, including the roof fund, chair fund, and garden fund (from Community House). We bought our new chairs with grant from the Rotary Club!! Spent their \$500 and \$100 more for 20 chairs. Verna suggested that we create a fund for the garden so they can have access to funds when they need it, and that we should consider them capital improvements, since they are improvements to the property. Expenditures will be tracked in a spreadsheet in Google Drive. Discussion of expenditures for deer fencing. The month's financial statements are posted online for your inspection.

Old Business: David reported that he has information from the Guild Legal Co-op. Because the court received so many amicus letters from Guilds who said that they were named in the previous action (receivership) without their knowledge or opportunity to represent themselves, the court date was postponed to March 21st. David took two weeks to write and revise a press release from the Guild Legal Co-op that will go out to media across the state. David will leave it out on the counter for people to read. The Guilds legal Co-op has made an arrangement with legal counsel Stephen Shumway to represent any Guilds that are named in the receivership action, but we have to give power of attorney to Bob McFarland for this purpose. R.I.P. to Ellis King, Guilds Legal Co-op member, who passed away last week soon after rejoining the effort to get the Guilds Legal Co-op focused.

Dan Kennedy is committing to a mid-April date to fix the roof. Susan will be inviting the Board of the Norton Buffalo Hall Foundation to a meeting in the coming month.

Are we having fun? Yes.

New Business: KZFR is having a pledge drive from April 4th to 13th. Dan will be working the 8th and 10th. Contact Dan if you can help.

Karen passed around a card for Johnny Baty, who is experiencing health issues.

Susan will try to find out how Mona is doing.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Dobra

**After-Meeting Executive Committee Meeting
March 12, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 9:20 pm

Present: David Zink, Dan Joseph, Karen Quattlander, Pyramid Michael Walden, Jennifer Petersen, Susan Dobra.

Susan apologized for forgetting to bring up the question of whether the Paradise Community Guilds would like to collaborate with the Ridge Coalition for Peace and Justice on the Unity in Diversity Festival September 15, 2018 from 3 to 7 pm. Recognizing that members will have to be recruited before we can commit to full participation, she proposed the Executive Committee merely vote on whether to allow the festival to take place at the Norton Buffalo Hall this year, and follow up in between, with ratification at next month's meeting, with the question of whether we will collaborate as we have for the past two years. **Motion to allow the Ridge Coalition for Peace and Justice to hold the Unity in Diversity Festival on the grounds of the Norton Buffalo Hall on September 15, 2018 passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned 9:25 pm.