

Paradise Community Guilds Business Meeting June 11, 2018

President Zink updated the membership on the legal status of the Guilds in the court battles with California and National Grange.

Monthly meeting called to order at 7:45 pm. The opening ritual was conducted, and Chaplain Lisa read two poems as prayer. David Z. led us in song, "Make Hay While the Sun Shines." He asked David Bilinski to bring us a song next month.

Roll Call of Officers: David Zink, President; Dan Joseph, VP; Secretary, Karen Quattlander; Lisa Flores, Chaplain; Pyramid Michael Walden, Executive Committee Member; Susan Dobra, Lecturer. Members present: Zeke Lipe, Charley Cartwright, Nancy Eaton, Jay Rose, Judy Fox, Lori Phelps-Zink, Ronda Hoffman, Lynn Cockerham, Pamm Larry.

Minutes for May 14, 2018, were accepted unanimously

Committee Reports:

Membership: Paradise Community Guilds Membership Committee has not met for the past two months. A meeting will be held next Monday, June 18, at Susan's house, 6 pm.

Rental: Jennifer was not present, but David noted the Garden Club had their annual Tour event here at the Norton Buffalo Hall, and it was well attended and successful.

Building and Grounds: Dan reported that the Building and Grounds Committee has been primarily whacking weeds lately. BUT we also have a new roof! Thanks to Dan Kennedy and everyone who was involved. Thanks also to Karen Q who donated a solar tube for the kitchen. We may want to install a few more. We also installed new toilet seats in the bathrooms, and David Bilinski offered to donate a white toilet for the one with the green one. Ongoing work: Finish the garden shed, front deck, debris haul, trimming, compost pile moved for parking. Work day is rescheduled for Saturday, June 23, 9 a.m. We need to work on the handicap railing (sanding, scraping, re-painting). Next priority is to build a new garden gate, then the garden shed, which also needs painting. Susan and Nancy volunteered.

Events: Verna was not present. Susan reported that the Mike Beck concert was wonderful, if not very well attended. Beck was a great storyteller. Next event will be the Be the Community Festival on June 30, and indoor and outdoor concert from 5 to 10 pm, with Pat Hull, Mike Bone, Peter and Trish Berkow, Paper Hats with our own David Bilinski, and our prez David Zink, among others. We will need about 30 volunteers, and many of our usual suspects will be gone. We have gotten a lot of attention from the media, so we're hoping for a good crowd. Organizing meeting will happen this Wednesday night, June 13th, at 6 pm. Adventist Church has agreed to let us use parking.

Community Action: Paradise Community Guilds Community Action Committee has had a few projects simmering: 1) Co-sponsoring a benefit concert for SHOR on Tuesday, July 17 at 7:30 with world class mandolin player Radim Zenkl, with our own John-Michael Sun and Susan Dobra opening. The Executive Committee approved co-sponsorship, since time was of the essence to get Zenkl's commitment, but our involvement will be minimal aside from giving a good deal on the hall rental. 2)

Unity in Diversity Festival planning is underway. If you have input or have accepted a position of responsibility, please come to Susan's house next Monday, June 18, at 7 pm. 3) Susan and Richard are collaborating with SHOR and each other to try to get a community gardening project off the ground in one of several possible plots in town. The idea is that Richard would put in the work and Susan would try to get funding to pay stipends to some of the SHOR clients to learn how to garden, and possibly take those skills into the housing that they get through the new entity Housing in Paradise.

Community Garden: Jen was not present. Karen reported that the garden got worm compost soil, tomatoes and peppers planted, and there are chips to be spread. There are about 3 plots available in the plot garden. Everyone is invited to come 10 to 12 any Wednesday to garden.

Civil Dialogue Guild: The Guild for Civil Dialogue met Sunday, May 13 at 3:45 PM for hors d'oeuvres and 4:00 PM for meeting. Interest is dwindling. No meeting this month. Next meeting TBD.

Youth Guild: On hiatus.

Secretary's Report: Karen reported that the newsletter from The Hub (behavioral health support) is posted on the bulletin board. She is also working on our tax returns, but noted we are still registered with the IRS as the Paradise Grange. We will rectify that.

Treasurer's Report: Verna was not present. She sent a report through David: \$7800 in the bank account. Full reports will be online in three weeks on the website: www.nortonbuffalohall.com PW: Demeter490

Old Business: The roof was put up by Smalley General Contractors (an affiliate of Dan Kennedy's) in Magalia, and we are still receiving support from Extra Storage. **Motion to create certificates of appreciation for Extra Self Storage and Smalley General Contractors and Thomas & Gigi Lee passed unanimously.** The Leonard Cohen CD is still in process. Rough cut is being worked on, with some re-recording.

Are we having fun? Yes. David would like to bring our joy level up to match our satisfaction level. He suggested members invite each other to lunch or dinner to get to know each other. Susan suggested having a night where we play the Life Stories board game.

New Business: Monday morning is garbage pick-up day. We need a way to make sure it's out there, since rentals need to have empty bins. Perhaps we could create a system whereby every group that uses the hall is responsible for making sure the bins get taken to the curb on Sunday night. **Motion to post a sign-up sheet in the kitchen to make sure the garbage bins are taken out every Sunday night passed unanimously.** We will circulate the sign-up sheet at every business meeting and check it on every workday to make sure the month coming up is covered. David Bilinski has offered a toilet. Dan recommends evaluating the crapper first. We empower him to do so. Thursday, June 21 is the summer solstice. To be discussed at Membership Committee meeting at Susan's Monday 6 pm. She will email everyone.

Motion for bylaws amendment to Article XI, Section 1. ("If for any reason the California Guilds Corporation (EIN 94-0362040) ceases to exist or is transferred under the control of another entity, the Executive Committee of the Paradise Guilds may immediately rescind all or part of these

bylaws and its relationship with the California Guild.”) seconded and discussed. This creates a legitimate path for us to move if there is a hostile action by the Grange to come after the California Guild and its properties. We will vote on this next month, as per our bylaws rules for a bylaws change.

Motion to amend Article IX, Property and Assets, to add the italicized in the following: Section 1. The real property, personal property and assets are owned *and fully controlled by* Paradise Community Guilds.”; to delete the portion struck through and add the italicized in the following: Section 2. “On the dissolution of this Guild, the members of the Executive Committee of this Guild shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of this Guild, remit to the California Guild all ~~remaining assets, including funds, real property and personal property of this Guild, as well as all~~ documents and records, charters and regalia *which establish its relationship to California Guild.*”; and to delete the portion struck through and add the italicized in the following: “Further, on dissolution of this Guild, any title to any real property of this Guild shall be transferred to the ~~California Guild Norton Buffalo Hall Foundation~~. Said assets will be held in trust in accordance with the Bylaws of the California Guild, for a period of five (5) years pending the re-organization of this Guild. Upon re-organization of this Guild, said assets held in trust will be conveyed to the re-organized Guild. *If no Guild is re-organized within this five-year period, Norton Buffalo Hall Foundation will retain full ownership and control of title to the real property of Paradise Community Guilds.* The motion was seconded and discussed. It was noted that Bob McFarland is not in favor of these actions.

For the Good of the Guild: Zeke is still dealing with leg issues—his right leg is numb. We send him healing energy.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Dobra