

## **Paradise Community Guilds Business Meeting October 18, 2018**

The presentation before our meeting was by Phil John, of Paradise Ridge Fire Safe Council; Jim Broshears, former Paradise Fire Chief and currently of Butte Fire Safe Council; and David Hawke, of Cal Fire and current Paradise Fire Chief, who got us up to speed on preparing for a fire on The Ridge—Ready, Set, Go!

Monthly meeting called to order at 7:45 pm. The opening ritual was conducted, and David read an autumn equinox blessing a roll call of officers was conducted by Secretary Karen Quattlander.

Roll Call of Officers: David Zink, President; Dan Joseph, VP; Secretary, Karen Quattlander; Susan Dobra, Lecturer; Pyramid Michael Walden and Jennifer Petersen, Executive Committee Members. Members present: Elizabeth Evans, Charley Cartwright, Nancy Eaton, John-Michael Sun, Ronda and Chris Hoffman, Lynn and Bill Cockerham, and Richard Mann.

### **Minutes for September 10, 2018 were accepted unanimously.**

Juan Zertuche was taken through the obligation ritual to become a member of the Guilds and was duly initiated as one of us, with all the rights and privileges (and obligations) (and adventures!) thereto appertaining.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Susan reported that the Membership Committee did not meet this month. She requested that anyone interested in taking over this position let her know. Elizabeth expressed a tentative interest.

**Rental:** Jennifer noted that our prime rental day is Saturday, and that our “beautification day” on the third Saturday of the month often conflicts with it. This month is no exception. Our Zombie stomp is on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>, so Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> was suggested as the next beautification day. Be there at 9! Jen has been talking with healers from Ohana and Chico and they would like to do Health & Wellness Fairs here. David mentioned that Sons of the Golden West want to possibly meet here as well.

**Building and Grounds:** Dan reported that the Building and Grounds Committee will be painting more. Nancy asked about the air conditioning repair—not done yet. New faucets were installed in the one unisex bathroom, and the floodlight put back up on top of the building. Lights were discussed. Susan respectfully requested that we all communicate by note and/or map when we move something from where it previously lived so we can all find things with a minimum of time and stress. Karen mentioned that there is wood available. Dan would like to revamp the grapes area, maybe changing to table grapes or other fruits or berries. Jen mentioned that fluorescent lights need changing. Discussion ensued about changing out the lights as a future project. Nancy mentioned that as a nonprofit we can call PG&E and request donated services.

**Events:** Verna was not present, but Jen reported on the Hannah Jane Kile concert September 29<sup>th</sup>. She thanked everyone, especially Nancy, for helping out. She learned a lot, especially about how big Verna’s shoes are to fill. We need to charge more for food—perhaps \$10. David said the band was happy and we will book them again in 2020. Discussion of the need for a new stove—or two—and how it would be nice to have a big, commercial energy efficient gas stove donated or gotten for low cost. Jon Strider concert on October 6<sup>th</sup> went very well and Jon was very happy. His family and friends enjoyed it too. David got Jon on KZFR that afternoon, and Dan Carter came to the event with friends. Zombie Stomp, October 26<sup>th</sup>. To Wake You, November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for a concert and

healing workshop.

**Community Action:** Susan reported that the SHOR Annual Dinner is Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and requested that the Paradise Guilds sponsor a table. **Motion to sponsor a table for six at the SHOR Annual Dinner with the Guilds paying \$100 and the attendees paying the rest of their ticket passed unanimously.**

**Community Garden:** Jen said the garden is transitioning from summer to fall, pulling out summer stuff and putting in fall stuff. In the works is an herbal workshop on November 3; she will keep us informed. First weekend of May will be the Homestead Faire, with hopefully more vendors and presenters with real homesteader stuff like making butter, composting, making honey, canning, crafting. If you know anyone, contact Jen. Cost for a booth, \$20.

**Secretary's Report:** Karen reported that we received the monthly newsletter from The Hub. Also a letter from Elizabeth Shields for \$1000 from the Heartwood Foundation in recognition of David Zink's extraordinary talents. David told us that her husband Robert was an amazing man who was a professor of agricultural economics and sponsor of many students' international studies.

**Treasurer's Report:** Verna not present; financials will be presented next month.

**Norton Buffalo Hall Foundation:** Progress was made on obtaining our 501(c)(3) designation. The Board had its first meeting, elected officers, ratified its bylaws and conflict of interest policy, and took the next steps. We got an EIN number from the IRS and registered with the Charitable Trust. Two more steps, but the last one is the biggie.

Are we having fun? Yes! With the world seemingly in chaos, we are getting a lot of satisfaction out of the work we do. Musical events are fun, if a bit of work. We find value in our work and fellowship together. David suggested we stay open to having more plain ol' fun together, like maybe a game night. Jen mentioned that the upcoming concert with the Easy Leaves on October 30, to which we can just come and have fun—we're doing the bar, but they're handling everything else. Dan pointed out we need to get beer. John-Michael noted that it is OK for us to feel bad during this time, to be honest in our feelings. Lynn noted that some ballet dancers from the Northern Ballet would come and do a small performance. David mentioned doing an English tea. Susan mentioned that decorating for the Zombie Stomp could be a good time and invited everyone to come on Thursday and participate.

**Old Business:** The Guilds was in Superior Court again last Thursday to try to put some protections in against the overstepping of bounds by the reconstituted California Grange. The judge said there is nothing to stop the local Guilds from getting a cease and desist order to protect ourselves. Pyramid just came from the Butte Regional Guilds meeting in Oroville where a discussion was had about getting a protective injunction to require that interactions happen through lawyers. Both motions by the California Guild were denied—they have to hand over everything to the Grange. The Grange made a motion asking the judge to bill the Guild for the receiver's services but the judge shot it down. There was a conversation between the judge and receiver about how the receiver will get paid and how to finish this process up.

**Executive Session:** Motion to go into Executive Session passed unanimously.

**More Old Business:** David said it is traditional for the Guilds to give a gift to the President of the California Guilds. **Motion to gift Bob McFarland \$200 passed unanimously.** The state convention at the Feather River Casino was moved to October 24–25. David will attend as our president, and Pyramid Michael will be a delegate. Jay and Susan will be alternate delegates.

**New Business:** November is the month of elections. Last year we elected for two year terms, so we just need to fill

the Executive Committee member that Pyramid Michael is vacating.

For the Good of the Guild: Elizabeth mentioned that she and her mother would be putting together an organization to support youth and would appreciate the participation and support of anyone interested.

Richard Mann read a letter he wrote (attached) and which was edited by Susan Dobra regarding creating community gardens on a Town of Paradise proposed park site near the Noble Orchards and asked for the Guilds' support -- **Motion to write a reference letter in support of Richard's project passed unanimously.**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Dobra