

**Habitat for Humanity  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 7:00pm**

**Members Present:** Dan Buchholz, Kourtney Denne, Doug Fuerst, Bonny Hanson, Kyle Hohn, Colleen Hunt, Pat Soukup, Eric Van Meter, and Scott Ymker. Guest: Jill Luque. Construction Manager Mike Asmus. Executive Director: Anessa Klumb.

**Call to Order** at 7:03

**Devotional:** Scott—Psalm 42:11. The Lord is with us despite obstacles.

**Guest:** Colleen introduced Jill Luque as a guest. Jill is branch manager for Plains Commerce Bank and a potential board or committee member.

**Minutes** for December meeting were approved. Motion by Pat, second by Kyle . **Carried.**

**Treasurer's report**—Payroll taxes are lower this month because of COVID hours. Thus far we have spent just over \$58,000 for construction, which is significantly above what is budgeted. Motion to approve by Scott, second by Pat. **Carried.**

**Old Business**—none

**Committee Reports**

- **Construction/Site Selection**—Due to technical difficulty, Mike submitted a written report (attached).
- **Family Selection**—no report.
- **Family Support**—Lyle has 121 sweat equity hours completed and has 78 to go before house is completed (likely 4 months). He would like credit for hours spent painting a mural on his wall. Motion to allow credit for up to 15 hours by Eric. Seconded by Scott. **Carried.** Committee delivered cookies to homeowners for Christmas and received positive feedback. Jacinda Biberdorf, a recent DWU graduate and employee at the Safe House, is a new member of the committee.
- **Fundraising and PR**— Scott is working on adding new members to the committee. They are in process of creating a development plan for the coming year.
- **Faith Relations**—Met last Monday. Ione suggests contacting churches by phone to make ask for mission of the month and offer video and a visit from Habitat.

**New Business**

- **Living Quarters**—churches would prefer not to go door to door in the spring. Anessa has had conversations with some about a Sleep-in-a-Box fundraiser instead. We need to raise \$5000 from youth groups this fiscal year, which can include money raised from Living Quarters in the fall. Scott moved to do a fundraiser of some kind this spring. Anessa will talk more with the youth pastors about details. .

- **Garden Party**—Penciled in for June 4. Anessa is opening a show at ACT that night and may not be available. Planning will include an online component this year.
- **Grant Approval**—Motion to approve application for the First National Bank of Omaha Impact Grant made by Scott. Seconded by Doug, among others. Application will be for \$20,000. Last year we were awarded \$10,000
- **Committee Appointments**—list has been updated. Scott and Pat volunteered to be part of nominating committee. Board members continued to reach out for help with board and committees.

### **Executive Director Report**

- **Mortgages** are current except for Hiles and Davis. Hiles has received a pay reduction, and Anessa agreed to work with them while they sort things out.
- **Meetings & trainings** –Anessa is working through a fundraising training from HFHI. Mayor has asked her to be on the housing commission, but she is not certain if she will do that. If she does not, Mike might be part of it.
- **Technology**—Social media scheduling is on track. Scott has a video uploaded on YouTube to promote Habitat.

With no further business, Anessa, closed in prayer and Bonny adjourned.

Next meeting Monday, Feb. 8, 7:00pm. Doug volunteered for devotional.

*Submitted by Eric Van Meter*

### **Construction Report**

We are finishing trim in the house this week. Inside work will be done by the end of the month. We will have about a month of outside work when the weather warms. As a result of that, as of Jan. 18 I will be cutting my Habitat hours to 10 -15 per week. I will also be starting a part time position with Builders First Source on the 18th. That will be 30 hours per week to replace the Habitat hours. It should also allow me to further reduce Habitat as we finish the house, then when we're ready to build again, I will increase Habitat as needed. This should help to preserve the cash we have, and give more flexibility to me between jobs. If you have any questions please feel free to ask, or stop by and see the house.

- Mike Asmus