

**Habitat for Humanity
Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2021, 7:00pm**

Members Present: Dan Buchholz, Doug Fuerst, Bonny Hanson, Kyle Hohn, Jill Luque, Colleen Hunt, Jacki Miskimins, Pat Soukup, Eric Van Meter. Executive Director: Anessa Klumb.

Call to Order at 7:01

Devotional: Doug—joyfully giving and serving are part of discipleship.

Minutes for January meeting were approved. Motion by Lisa, second by Doug . **Carried.**

Treasurer's report—Big bills from construction should be in, except for cement pad. House has cost a little over \$60,000 so far. Motion to approve by Jacki. Second by Pat. **Carried.**

Fundraising committee chair Scott Ymker will be stepping away for the remainder of the spring, but others will continue that work.

Old Business

- **Living Quarters**—Churches are not interested in doing a fundraiser in the spring, and so LQ has been scheduled for Sept. 29. In the meantime, Sleeping Quarters may be too much to do well in the amount of time we have for the spring. Anessa has had conversations about partnering with high-school groups on smaller fundraisers, and promising options are beginning to take shape.
- **Garden Party**—Set for June 4. Our website might work to sell raffle tickets, if we upgrade our plan (\$12/mo). Eric motioned to expand the website. Colleen seconded. **Carried.**

Committee Reports

- **Construction/Site Selection**—see attached report.
- **Family Selection**—no report.
- **Family Support**—Looking to get a Thrivent Grant to help with planters for current homeowners. Also planning classes to educate community on home ownership. Colleen is working with regional experts who can help with workshop. Local realtors' association is supportive. Colleen has put in a request to them for funds. Vocational Center is a possible location. Realtors would not be able to gather clients from the meeting and would participate to fulfill community service requirement. Committee is also thinking of ways to expand mentor program. Colleen was nominated by Bonny to join this committee.
- **Fundraising and PR**— Newsletter went out last week. Committee is asking board members to call donors (excluding board members) who have donated in the past three months. Bonny also noted Kyle's role in the Northwestern Energy donation. Several

board members talked about making personal asks based on local connections and the 20th anniversary. Pat was nominated by Jacki to join this committee.

- **Faith Relations**—Members have called churches and asked about being mission of the month, missions fairs, etc. Anessa is speaking at the congregation church on 2/21.

New Business

- **Approve amended 2019 990**—document amended after audit. Doug motioned to approve, Colleen seconded. **Carried.**
- **USDA Mortgage Financing**—Several affiliates in Minnesota use this service. Applicants apply for Habitat House and USDA loan simultaneously. Upon completion, Habitat would receive payment for full amount. Homeowner would be responsible to make payments to USDA at low (but not zero) interest rate. Anessa will continue to research this possibility.

Executive Director Report

- **Mortgages**—all current except Davis.
- **Meetings & trainings** –Visit to Congregational Church on 2/21. Continues to work with regional affiliates for ideas.
- **Technology**— please share 20th anniversary posts on social media.

Next meeting Monday, March 8, 7:00pm. Bonny volunteered for devotional.

Submitted by Eric Van Meter