

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

Members Present: Dan Buchholz, Doug Fuerst, Bonny Hanson, Kyle Hohn, Jill Luque, Pat Soukup, Eric Van Meter.. Executive Director: Anessa Klumb Construction Manager Mike Asmus.

Call to Order at 7:00

Devotional: Bonny—from 1 Peter 5:6. Humility amid struggle, trusting that God will ultimately lift us up.

Minutes for February meeting were approved, with the correction of person making the motion (Doug, not Lisa). Motion by Jill, second by Doug. **Carried.**

Treasurer's report—Currently have \$19,000 in the bank. \$64,000 spent on home so far. Motion to approve by Eric. Second by Pat. **Carried.**

Old Business

- **Living Quarters**—Anessa has sent a save-the-date card to churches for September. She is meeting with several high school groups Thursday morning to discuss fundraising ideas.
- **Garden Party**—Colleen and Jill will host event on June 4, and we have secured a grant from Modern Woodmen for the project.
- **USDA Mortgage Financing**—Anessa has presented the option to Lyle, who is considering it. His decision is expected within the month.
 - Policy proposal—Adopting a procedure utilizing the USDA 502 Loan Program. Motion to adopt by Pat. Seconded by Eric. After discussion on the policy shift this would represent, Pat moved to amend policy to read, “The partner family may use USDA financing if qualified; however, if the applicant would prefer a traditional Habitat loan, MRHFH will consider offering such on a case-by-case basis.” Jill seconded. **Carried.** Amendment and proposal were both approved.

Committee Reports

- **Construction/Site Selection**—Good progress on the house; flooring should be done soon, as will electrical and plumbing. We are on target to finish by the end of April, with the potential to close by early to mid-May. Lyle will be working on painting to get his hours in. Mike estimates that we will have approximately \$3000 in bills yet to come in. He has also inquired about purchasing lots from Puetz, but has not heard back and does not believe he is interested in selling.
- **Family Selection**—no report.
- **Family Support**—Working with Lyle to finish out his sweat equity hours. Anessa also continues to work on website.

- **Fundraising and PR**— Two grants are in process, but no word yet on them. Nothing else new to report.
- **Faith Relations**—meeting in two weeks. Will present in April.

New Business

- **HFHI Safeguarding Policy**—doubles down on sexual harassment and discrimination policy. Motion to approve by Doug. Second by Dan. **Carried.**
- **Ramsey+ Subscription**—Anessa is researching, but given budget constraints she suggests that we wait until we either receive a grant or can budget for next year. Program would allow us to serve up to 100 families for \$2500/year.

Executive Director Report

- **Mortgages**—all mortgages are current.
- **Meetings & trainings** –Visit to Congregational Church on 2/21. They are collecting an offering for HFH in Feb and Mar. Anessa also spoke at Kiwanis last month. She just completed a six-month coaching program through Minnesota affiliates.
- **Technology**— Board portal on website is up and running. Board needs to sign up for devotions and for donor calls.

Next meeting Monday, April 12, 7:00pm. Eric volunteered for devotional.

Submitted by Eric Van Meter