



Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley

Pottawatomie Habitat Partnership

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Steering Committee Meeting
April 15, 2008

In attendance: Devin Dunn Harold Sechrest Jim Bachman Victor Lee
 Dave Hansen Don Radtke Bob Bendeich Juliana Hackel
 Suzanne Smulin Joan McInnes Guest: Rick

Dave Hansen chaired the meeting. The March minutes were approved as submitted.

Financial Report - No Report

Committee Reports

Building Report - Devin and Don reported that nothing had been done on House #9 lately. But, since Rosie hopes to move in in June, we need to finish the work. We need appliances, carpeting and landscaping. A Boy Scout will help with landscaping but not until July. Devin mentioned that black dirt is needed. Dave said the dirt is available but trucking to the site will be expensive. But we need to get the grass seed in pretty soon or wait until August. Don suggested we get the inside work done in May and leave the landscaping and shed go until later.

House #10—Joan received a wish list from the prospective homeowner, Albertas Jurgelenas who, with his wife, has two teenage girls and a ten year old son. The list was circulated to the Steering Committee. After some discussion, and several deletions from the list, Joan will ask Barbara Beckman to discuss the amended list with Albertas.

Site Selection - No Report.

Fund Raising - Given that we will need \$40,000 to complete House #10 and we have only about \$20,000, Devin talked to Rita and agreed to a fund raising meeting when Rita returns to discuss some of the ideas Devin put forth at the March PHP meeting. Juliana will join the Fund Raising committee.

Don mentioned the possibility of financing to bridge the gap as we really need to start House #10 ASAP. He will pass information onto Juliana that HFHFV has used to finance some of their houses.

Publicity - Victor introduced Rick who is interested in producing a photographic history of our house building. Bob has taken several series of pictures of our houses up to this point. Rick and Bob will share the duties for House #10.

Special Events - The two members who were there declared that the Dream Builders Soirée III at the Baker Hotel, held on April 5, was very well done if not well attended.

Nurturing - Joan mentioned that Rosie Garcia, our House #9 homeowner, has about 130 "sweat equity" hours toward the 250 she needs to move into her house. She continues to work at the ReStore 5 hours each week but cannot work more than that until after school closes on June 10. Devin and Dave said it would be better to have the home occupied than to be left vacant, especially after the appliances and carpeting have been installed. Joan will ask Barbara Beckman for dispensation to allow Rosie to move in before she finishes her hours.

New Business - Joan reported that a UUS group wishes to work on House #10 on August 2nd.

Old Business - Dave said he would like to lay the patio paving bricks at House #8 soon. Devin said he also has some bricks which can be used. Dave said 4 or 5 people should be able to finish the job in a morning. They will need gravel and sand to set the bricks in and edging to finish the job. April 26 is the tentative date to do the work.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. The next meeting will be the **third Tuesday in May, May 14th, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 7:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bachman, secretary
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