



Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley

Pottawatomie Habitat Partnership

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Steering Committee Meeting

May 15, 2007

In attendance: Devin Dunn Tom Flood Victor Lee Lance Erickson Joan McInnes
Ron Rank Don Radtke Gary Dittmer Tom Gates Jim Bachman
Rita Burnham Dave Hansen Bob Bendeich Gene Jugenitz Helen Jugenitz
Harold Sechrest

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

Financial Report – Tom reported the beginning fund balance was \$44,138.86. Major donations were received from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, \$2033.57 and Baker Memorial Church, \$250. Expenses were \$500 administration fees giving us an ending balance of \$45,940.51. Tom mentioned that he had just received a check for \$25,000 from Bosch Inc.

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Building Report – Ron reported that the North, South, and West walls were in place and that the East wall would be erected tomorrow at House #9 with the help of three Bosch volunteers. He also said Bosch had donated 4 circular power saws.

Devin said that Spring of Life has asked to help us build this house since they do not have a build going on. The consensus of the committee was that we would welcome their help.

Dave does not know if we will have any roofing materials donated. He will order the roof shingles. Dave mentioned that we need a licensed plumber as Ralph has retired and no longer is licensed but he will help lay the underground drains. Devin will ask Mario if he can help us.

Rita said the insurance company (PMI?) wants to work on siding again some Wednesdays.

Devin said we need to remove the excess gravel from the site. Dave said he may have a place for it. (But see Site Selection)

Site Selection – Devin said HFHNFV wants to use our Bonfield lot to build a Thrivent house this summer. Thrivent will donate \$80,000 towards this house. In return, HFHNFV will give us a lot behind Daisy's house. The closing is scheduled for August. The lot is 100'x140' and will require a septic variance and, according to Don and Dave, some fill because it is low. The consensus was this is where we put our excess gravel.

Fund Raising – No Report.

Publicity – No Report

Special Events – No Report

Nurturing – Joanne said that Yuriko's oldest son, Shaun, entered the Marines last week. Their father is living at the home and working. All seems well, she said.

The discussion turned to why we have no family identified for House #9 and why there is a dearth of Habitat partners now. If part of the problem is credit worthiness, do we need to raise our maximum income level? HFH Fox Valley has a waiting list. Can we offer to partner with a family from their list? Do we need to market our “product” more aggressively? Harold offered to raise the issue at the HFHNFV Board meeting next Monday.

New Business – None

Old Business – Devin asked if we could put a volunteer sign-up function on our website (www.phphabitat.org). It would really help us know how many will be out on a given Saturday, he said. Lance said we can do it but do we then e-mail that list to you? Jim added that just listing the work to be

done the following Saturday by the Wednesday before would be a big help. And people could sign-up if they wanted to help do that work, he said. Don pointed out that we no longer have a Volunteer Coordinator since Henry Malo moved away last year and we could use one. There were no volunteers. The committee reached no decision on volunteer sign-up.

Tom Flood mentioned that we should encourage groups of people from the same church, company, organization, etc. to come out together. He added that to come out alone, knowing no one, can be intimidating the first time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next meeting will be the **third Tuesday in June, June 19 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, at 7:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bachman, secretary
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