

FMCA CHAPTER: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 16, 2007  
Redmond, Oregon

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Secretary, Deann Harrington

PLEDGE – lead by Linda Walden INVOCATION – by Deann Harrington

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS – Sec/ Treas, Deann Harrington; National Director, Fred O’Donnell; & Immediate past president, Linda Walden. Absent: President, Bill McLaughlin; VP-Build Coordinator, John Lee; VP-Communications, Marion Braum; Alt. National Director, Marilyn McBain. VP-Membership, Doug Key was introduced as a guest and our newly elected National Treasurer.

GUESTS: Connie Pool, Nat’l Sr. VP and newly elected National President and Jay Blumenthal, INTO area VP

PRESIDENT – Sent regrets that family commitments kept him in CT. He emphasized the good work done by our chapter and wished us a good convention.

SECRETARY – Charlotte meeting minutes were approved after one change in the newsletter version. Joanne Durbin spoke to the membership, not Connie Pool.

TREASURER – Wells Fargo account total: \$6,885.19 - GV2601 Build account at Americus: \$30,720.47.

VP-BUILD COORDINATOR –Builds are planned as follows: 2 after Brooksville, 1 after Pomona, 1 after GLASS rally, 1 after St. Paul, MN. Details will follow in newsletter.

V-P COMMUNICATIONS - None

VP MEMBERSHIP –Doug Key is resigning as he is now National Treasurer elect.

Membership total: end of 2006 – 257; Deletes for unpaid dues 6/07 = 54; new members so far in 2007 – 42; August 2007 total = 245 members.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR – Budget of FMCA shows their loss of revenue from magazine advertising.

Some solutions to reduce cost: 1. FMCA investments are principally in mutual funds & their financial advisors are recommending moving some to “EFT’S”; passed by governing board. 2. No more January member listing to be printed. 3. Volunteer dinner at convention was reinstated. 4. Convention Pins reinstated for 2008, free of charge. 5. Chapter support for rallies - ex.....signage will be available to buy, no longer free. A full copy of Fred’s report may be obtained by e-mailing him. A synopsis will be in the next newsletter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1. There are no guidelines for spending GV2601 in our standing rules. We do not handle this money. It is held by HFHI for our building efforts. Our chapter has helped build 4 funded houses and sent \$8,000 to Global Village to fund 2 houses in Honduras.

2. Bylaw changes that we approved at Charlotte have been approved by the National Bylaws Committee. We still need to reword two paragraphs to match changes made in FMCA national bylaws. They will be ready for review at Pomona.

3. On Mar. 24, 2005 a motion was made to restrict member comments at future meetings to chapter business. Linda Walden made a motion to put this in our Standing Rules. It was seconded. Following discussion the motion was defeated. It was suggested that the motion is too vague. The Executive Board was asked to prepare a motion more definite about restrictions for candidates speaking at our meetings and bring it to the membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Nominating committee was introduced, Lynn Harrington and LaVerne Cabell. David Lewis was absent. Lynn stated that all offices are up for election in Feb. 2008 at Pomona convention. VP-Build Coordinator and Treasurer have reached their term limits and must have replacements. Please contact a nominating committee member to volunteer.
2. INTO Rally to be in Oshkosh, WI June 12-15, 2008. Theme is Pirates. Jay will contact John Lee to see if a build can be in conjunction with this rally.
3. Perry 2009 convention will be hosted by the INTO area. Please think about our chapter volunteering to help as a chapter at that rally.
4. Arlene Kaminski asked how not having a booth affected the Chapter. Deann stated that it was a HFHI booth as an FMCA charity, not a chapter booth. We did gain membership from it. This convention saw only three new members. Jay stated that we may have a booth at the INTO rally as HFH is an official charity. Doug stated that he will lobby the executive board members to reinstate the booth. He also stated that we need members to build houses and our banner at builds helps to advertise FMCA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1. Chapters may now have coffeepot, banner or gift package once a year.

2. Bend build team will meet after meeting.
3. Door prizes and light refreshments will follow meeting.
4. Habitat literature, chapter t-shirts available in back of room.
5. Thanks to all volunteers who helped with the meeting. Thanks to Arlene Kaminski for the American flag and tote bag that she made and donated for door prizes.
6. Fred O'Donnell cautioned everyone to be courteous and friendly while driving or shopping within Redmond. He restated the case that happened to one of our people who was badly beaten in the holding area as a result of road rage. No arrests were made by Redmond police. Governing Board asked National Executive board to pursue the issue.

MOTION TO CLOSE made by Arlene Kaminski at 2:15 p.m., seconded and carried.

Submitted by secretary, Deann W. Harrington