

**FMCA CHAPTER: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY®  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008 – ST.PAUL, MN**

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Bill McLaughlin, President; Marion Braum, VP–Communications; Dave Salter, VP–Membership; Fred O’Donnell, National Director and Sue Salter, Secretary/Treasurer.

**OFFICERS ABSENT:** Deann Harrington, VP–Build Coordinator; Roberta Wehr, Alternative National Director and Linda Laymon, Past President.

**WELCOME & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Bill McLaughlin

**INVOCATION:** Nancy Jo Fridline (included special prayers for Jimmy Ricardo)

**INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS:** Bill McLaughlin introduced the Chapter Officers present and gave a synopsis of each officer’s responsibilities for new members attending.

**SECRETARY’S MINUTES OF POMONA MEETING:** Motion made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as written in our newsletter.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** A balance of \$8,817.76 in Wells Fargo and \$34,440.54 in Project Code 1108012 at HFHI in Americus.

**VP–BUILD COORDINATOR:** Report read by Bill McLaughlin on behalf of Deann Harrington. Builds scheduled are Mankato, MN which filled up at this convention; Central Massachusetts area after the North East Area Rally; Ocala, FL after the Brooksville Rally and Americus, GA, after the Perry Convention. There is also a possibility of another build after the Perry Convention.

Deann Harrington has volunteered to organize a team of volunteers to man the Information Center at the Perry Convention. **PLEASE**, if you plan to be at Perry and can help, contact Deann. The International Area needs to show that we can sponsor an International Convention.

**VP–COMMUNICATIONS:** Marian Braum stated that HFHI had printed the last newsletter for us and our main method of delivering our newsletter in the future would be by email. She encouraged everyone to keep their email information up to date to receive our communications.

**VP–MEMBERSHIP:** Dave Salter reported that membership was at 209 before the convention and we had 8 members sign up at the booth during the convention. He still has people who are not responding to the emails, but he’s still working on that.

There are approximately 84 members whose dues will expire in December of 2008. He also asked for more participation in manning the HFHI booth at the conventions.

**NATIONAL DIRECTOR:** Fred O'Donnell reported on the Governing Board Meeting, stressing the financial strain on the organization. He has been selected to be on the Marketing Strategy Committee to look at ways to try to increase membership. He encouraged all members to bring up the benefits of being an FMCA member to all Motor Home owners we come in contact with. He also reported the possibility of HFHI losing FMCA's donations to a cause that affects more members, like the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. HFHI held its ground at this convention, but Fred was sure that this topic would be re-visited at the next Governing Board Meeting in Bowling Green, OH. He also discussed the funds held in Americus as not ours, but we can petition where we would like to use the funds, per our agreement with HFHI. He also encouraged members to communicate their concerns to him. Dean Davis spoke from the floor as Treasurer of Holiday Rambler HFH chapter, indicating that their chapter had a really difficult time being able to use their funds being held at HFHI to build a house in Indiana.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bill McLaughlin spoke of the build opportunity in Greensburg, KS. He also asked Dean Davis to elaborate on the Holiday Rambler build in Indiana. Bill spoke of possibly having a Chapter Funded build in Preston, GA after Perry and help for a build in Ohio following the Bowling Green Convention.

Marion asked that members report hours worked on any Habitat builds. This way we can keep track of the hours our members put in everywhere, whether local, on the road or Chapter Builds.

Bill announced that the build team for Mankato would meet after this meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM**

Drawings for door prizes followed.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Sue Salter, Secretary/Treasurer