



Orangevale Grange #354

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Meeting Minutes for 20 March 2024

1. Call to Order

The Grange was opened at 7:15 with Luke VonderOhe presiding.

Roll call was taken as noted below:

President:	Luke VonderOhe	Present
Vice Pres:	Amy Wong	Absent
Lecturer:	Christina Webster	Absent
Steward:	OPEN	
Asst. Steward:	Brad Squires	Absent
Lady A.S.:	Shirley Baker	Present
Chaplain:	Debbie Luce	Present
Treasurer:	Lori Boes	Present
Secretary:	Sarah VonderOhe	Present
Gatekeeper:	Alan Hopp	Absent
Ceres:	Sharon Taylor	Present
Pomona:	OPEN	
Flora:	Aliyah Wong	Absent
Musician:	Sharon Taylor	Present

Executive Committee:

3 Year:	Jerry Macklem	Present
2 Year:	Bob Clouse	Present
1 Year:	Christina Webster	Absent

Other grange members attending:

Dale Baker, David Dill, Linda Macklem, Stan Newbold, Judy Egan and Jim Beilgard. Guests Joseph and Martha Stefanoni, Paul and Susan Hanks, and Mitch and Kari Clouse.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of last meeting dated 21 February 2024 were approved as amended to clarify Sharon Taylor is also Musician. Debbie Luce made the motion and Dale Baker seconded. Motion carried.



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Applications

- a. There were no new applications in March.

3. Obligations

- Judy Egan was obligated by Joseph Stefanoni.

4. Reports of Standing Committees:

- **E.C. Report**

- a. Reminder that the Big Day of Service is May 4th.
- b. All electrical upgrades are complete.
- c. The grounds were cleaned up, trees trimmed and the grass was mowed. The irrigation system was repaired.
- d. DAR will have their meeting at the hall on April 27th and they were given a 50% discount for their meeting.
- e. Baking and cooking classes may be held at the hall in the near future.
- f. The OV Grange will host the breakfast at the State Grange meeting this September.

- **GWA (Grange Women's Activities)**

- a. The Craft and Sewing Supply Sale and Exchange was well attended. \$1,000 was raised for the scholarship fund. Still looking for a volunteer to take over planning the event.
- b. Please see attached report.

- **Garden**

- a. Please see attached report.

- **Hall Report**

- a. The hall continues to be rented well into the future.
- b. The FFA dinner was held and was a great success, as usual!

- **Building and Grounds**

- a. Cost for irrigation and mowing work by contractor is \$350. Stan Newbold made the motion to approve the expenditure and Jim Beilgard seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. The hall will be having an acoustic evaluation and interior lighting will be discussed as well.
- c. Roof shingles – there are some loose roof shingles. Luke VonderOhe and David Dill will work to repair them.



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d. The dusk to dawn light at the little house is in need of repair/replacement. Bob Clouse made the motion to have it fixed and Linda Macklem approved. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Social Media (Website, Facebook etc.)**

- a. See attached report.

- **Pancake Breakfast**

- a. See attached report.

5. Communications

- Our visitors from the State Grange gave a detailed report including such topics as: participation in the annual State Grange convention, weekly eblast from the State Grange now available, newsletter comes out every other month regarding all the granges and they are looking for local content to include, the new Grange Passport program was discussed, the GeoGrange project was discussed, there is a way for us to apply as a distinguished Grange to have our accomplishments recognized, the Grange in Action project, 4th Thursday of the month there is a round table on Zoom led by the State Grange, the 149th annual meeting will be held September 26th-29th, and we were given a new Grange Manual. We also heard from our field representatives Paul and Susan Hanks. Our State Secretary Martha Stefanoni also said hello from the National Grange and let us know about the annual meeting upcoming in Iowa the second week of November, and that the 2025 national Grange convention will be a Caribbean cruise! It was so great to hear all the news.

6. Treasurer's Report

- See attached report. A few notes – tractor money was received, dues have been coming in, electrical work has been paid.

7. Old Business

- Bob thanked us for the card we sent to Jeanne.

8. New Business

- There was a suggestion offered that the Grange could host a small animal/poultry exchange.

9. Installation of Officers

- No installations this month.



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10. Chaplains Report

- Marge fell, but she will be ok.

11. Lecturer's Program

- No lecturer's program this month.

After the benediction, the Grange closed at 8:48.

Fraternally submitted,
Sarah VonderOhe, Secretary
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Minutes approved _____ as presented, as corrected, as amended
(Date)