

## **Minutes of the Orangevale Grange #354**

June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Luke VanderOhe at 7:08 PM

### **Officers present:**

President: Luke

Vice President: Amy

Lecturer: Christina Webster

Chaplain: Debbie

Secretary: Christina Webster (Pro-tem)

Ceres & Musician: Sharon Taylor

Executive Committee: Christina Webster, Jerry Macklem

### **Other Members in Attendance:**

Jim Bielgard, Marge, David & Eva Dill, Linda Macklem

### **Guests:**

Paul & Carol Spiker (special musical guests from the Old Time Fiddlers)

Luke suggested a slight rearrangement of the order of business to put the Lecturer's program first and we will visit the Executive Committee Report at the close of business to discuss anything that didn't come up during other committee reports or discussions.

For the Lecturer's program, Christina presented information on the National Grange Deaf Activities/Awareness program. Christina and Eva together demonstrated the ASL signed alphabet, numbers and some emergency recognition signs. This is a lesson not to teach you fluency, but hopefully to help you recognize when a deaf or hard of hearing person may be in distress and give you a step towards assisting them find the help they need.

### **Treasurers report – read by Linda Macklem**

Notable mentions:

- Our building account is whole
- Signatures. We previously voted to remove Robert Clouse & Jerry Macklem as signers. This is completed. Advised by the bank that Mitch Clouse is still on the signature card.

**Motion** Made by Linda Macklem to remove Mitch Clouse from all signature cards at US BANK.

Seconded by Debbie. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

Rentals – Linda Macklem

- We are booking into September & October of this year
- TNT will be renting some space in the parking lot for post fireworks season collection.

Website – Jim Bielgard

- Officers are up to date
- If you spot anything that seems inaccurate or out of date, please let him know and he'll get it updated.

- All known events are updated.

#### Building & Grounds – David Dill

- 3 Thermostats ready to be installed
- Seeking a vendor to install new door locks
  - o Jim recommended “Pop-a-lock”
  - o Christina recommended “Under Lock & Key, Inc.”
- Luke brought discussion of landscaping needs. We have attempted a few other options within the membership and at this high grow season we need a little help. He is recommending Jose at Velasquez Lawn Care who will charge us \$800/month.

**Motion** Made by Jerry Macklem to hire Velasquez Lawn Care Seconded by Jim Bielgard.

Discussion, motion carried.

Good News! He’s able to start tomorrow!

#### Garden – Debbie

- 23 of 48 boxes are rented.
- Fruit trees have been moved in from the Macklem residence.
- Had a mini workday in which the redwood chips were relocated, cardboard has been laid out and garbage cleared out
- To do:
  - o “Jerry’s Berries” sign still to be hung
  - o We have a good source for cardboard (bike shop)
  - o Cleanup around shed
  - o Clean out irrigation ditch.
- Jim – Wood management project to be completed. Some still needs to be split, then it needs to be wrapped/corded for sale, possibly during Dovewood Court Christmas lights season or other events. Suggest small bundles for \$10, funds could go to the garden. Rotten wood can be taken to the landfill (branches/logs need to be smaller than 6” to use the dumpster)
- Query – do we have access to annual pickup with the city/county?

#### GWA – Debbie

- Craft Surplus sale coming up on September 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Breakfast – Linda

- 83 served including Best of Orangevale auction winners.
- Profit \$257.26
- Thank you Marge for the lovely centerpieces.

#### Upcoming Events

- 6/22 – Jeannie’s Memorial
- 8/ 3 – Luau
- Summer Nights Concert Series
- 8/17 Salsa Cook Off

- Breakfast for the CA State Grange in September (At the Ag Museum in Woodland)
- 9/21 Chicken Fest (Breakfast)
- 9/28 – Crafters Surplus

### **Unfinished Business**

None discussed

### **New Business**

Luke – Recommending painter for house and outside of building, he also has a recommended vendor, Keith with Adam’s Affordable Painting. He charges \$200/day and will work until the job is completed, as well as willing to work around our renter schedules. He doesn’t generally offer job quotes but estimates it shouldn’t exceed \$4000 for the work. Luke said he would arrange for paint on his Sherwin Willimas account and estimates that cost around \$2200. Suggested colors of an off-white and a gray/green trim.

**Motion:** Jerry Macklem moves to hire Keith with Adam’s Affordable Painting to paint the exterior of the hall, house and containers with a maximum budget of \$10,000 for labor and paint. Seconded: David Dill. Motion Carried.

### **Executive Committee Report – Amy Wong**

- Parade was on Saturday, lots of familiar faces, kids did a great job decorating.
- A breakfast banner has been made for our street side sign.
- Another breakfast banner has been made and is hanging on the Orangevale sign on Greenback.
- A 50amp upgrade has been made to the electrical systems down on the pad in the meadow.
- We’ve been able to check of some of the boxes on the Distinguished Grange application during the parade.

### **Sick or in Distress**

Jerry spoke on his new philosophy to enjoy each day as it comes, when asked “How are you?” he’s begun answering “I’m 3 feet ahead of the guy carrying the shovel”.

Before closing the meeting the visiting fiddlers led us in Happy Birthday song for Sharon & Jerry. Cake & Sorbet will be available for desert.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Fraternally Submitted  
Christina Webster  
Secretary (Pro-Tem)

