

**Habitat Grosse Pointe Partners**  
**October 5, 2011, Meeting Minutes**  
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**Host Church/Location:** Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms.

**Present:** Jim Garlough, Chick Van Dusen, Ernie Miedema, Bill Davenport, Fred Schneider, Barb Trost, Matt Schuetze, Sam Smith, Chapman Cunningham, Jim Hooper, Helen Santiz, Pam Fullerton, George Gray, and Linda Vitale.

Also present was Vincent Tilford of Habitat Detroit.

- 1) **Call to order** - The meeting was opened at 7:05 PM with prayer by Jim Garlough. .
- 2) **Introductions** – All persons present introduced themselves, and attendance roster passed. The following new members were especially welcomed:
  - George Gray, GP Unitarian Church
  - Linda Vitale, St. Paul Catholic Church
- 3) **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of our 9/7/11 meeting (special thanks to Barb Trost for preparing these in the Secretary's absence) were distributed, recapped by C. Van Dusen, and approved.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – In the absence of Treasurer Marcus Shelley, Chick Van Dusen reported that the bank balance s at 10/5/11 was \$11,643. Since our fall fundraising efforts just beginning, we will have more detail to report on this over the next 2-3 months.
- 5) **Mack Ave ReStore** – A public hearing was held 9/24/11 in Detroit's City-County Building to review and approve the re-zoning for Habitat Detroit's proposed ReStore in Detroit on Mack Ave near Cadieux. A portion of that property is presently zoned commercial, and the other portion is zoned residential. Helen Santiz was in attendance at the meeting, and reported she and others spoke in favor of the needed rezoning. Approval of the commercial portion was granted at this meeting. A second hearing to review the residential portion was scheduled and held on 10/4/11, with Santiz again in attendance. This meeting was postponed to 10/11/11 because there were not enough zoning board members present at the 10/4 meeting. Helen Santiz reported that it would likely help our cause if more of us could also attend with her on 10/11, and express our support for the needed re-zoning. (We have recently received an email report from Helen Santiz on the meeting of 10/11. Apparently the zoning request has been approved, and Habitat Detroit is proceeding to pull permits to open the ReStore.)
- 6) **Prior 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Build (9/10/11)**– Build coordinator, Jim Garlough, GP Memorial Church, reported they had about 7 construction volunteers from Habitat GP Partners, who were joined with 4 from Sandra Cobb's church. Walls were built at Jane Street. Thank you Jim Garlough for providing the nice pizza lunch.
- 7) **Next 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Build, 10/8/11** –.Build coordinator will be Helen Santiz of Christ Church Grosse Pointe. Several volunteers are needed. The work assignment was not yet known for sure, but Vincent Tilford suspects that they will be working on the Thrivent house.
- 8) **Habitat Detroit Report** – Vincent Tilford reported on the WXYZ sponsored event on 10/1. Jim Garlough was there and helped supervise approximately 125 (80% of which were new or not familiar with Habitat) persons from WXYZ's promotion department. Construction consisted of building walls and wall components. In addition to construction, time was spent learning about Habitat Detroit's

mission and how that is put into action. Of course the event was well publicized and reported on WXYZ-TV.

Vincent reported that Habitat Detroit is currently working with the City of Detroit to acquire more land in the Morningside community.

**HFH Detroit's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration is scheduled for 2/26/12, and will be held at the Max Fisher Music Center. Plans are of course under way, but the hope is to get about 1500 persons to attend the event. This date is apparently the same date as the Academy Awards in California, and not wanting to be outdone, Habitat Detroit will be having its very own "Hobbies" awards (for Habituals).

- 9) **Fall Blitz** – Phase 1 of the Fall Blitz was held 9/19-24. There was good support from Wayne State University, however we got slightly behind schedule. Phase 2 is scheduled for 10/11-15, and several more volunteers are needed.
- 10) **Report on Recruiting Increased Support from Partner Churches** – Jim Hooper reported he had contacted both St. Paul Catholic and GP Unitarian Churches since our last meeting. As evidenced by the new representatives from these churches present at this meeting (see paragraph 2 above), he was pleased with the success of his visits. Going forward, Jim will make similar contacts with GP United Methodist and St. Ambrose churches. Thank you Jim.
- 11) **Fundraising** - Chick Van Dusen reminded the group that our annual fall fundraising effort is certainly one of the most important things we do each year. He stated that we would continue to follow procedures used in past years which is mailing our fundraising letter to persons who have contributed in the past, as well as new persons who may be known or suggested by the fundraising coordinators from each member church. A "Fundraising Packet" which included the following materials was passed out to each of the coordinators present at the meeting:
  - A. Fundraising Procedures for Fall 2011 describing materials to be mailed, where to pick up materials at GP Memorial Church, where to take completed envelopes ready for mailing, etc.
  - B. Lists of prior contributors (by church).
  - C. Sample material for mailing to each prospect.

Each fundraising coordinator is responsible for enlisting help if needed, and coordinating the mailing process as described in the Fundraising Packet.

Jim Garlough distributed a draft of his fundraising letter for everyone's review. The general consensus was that it was fine, but it was recommended we add HGP Partners logo along with the Habitat Detroit logo at the top. Jim will work with Tara Franey at Habitat Detroit to finalize the letter and get it printed. As soon as it is printed, all fundraising coordinators from each member church will be so notified. They should then plan to pick up materials and complete their mailings as soon thereafter as possible.

- 12) **New Business** – Matt Schuetze reported on how he arranged for a "private" build with Habitat Detroit for a group of fellow managers at his company, Micro Focus. From the pictures seen, it looked like about 20 Micro Focus employees, including some from China and Australia, who had gathered for business meetings during the week, also made daily trips to Jane Street help in our build process. What a great idea it was to combine business with the Habitat volunteer effort.
- 13) **Future Meeting / Build Schedule** – Our schedule of meetings and builds for the next four months is as follows:

**November 2011**

Meeting 11/2/11, St. Michael's Episcopal- Bill Davenport – Host  
Build 11/12/11, coordinator (Bill Davenport?)

**December 2011**

Meeting 12/7/11, Our Lady Star of the Sea – Barb Trost – Host  
Build 1210/11, coordinator (Barb Trost?)

**January 2012**

Meeting 1/4/12, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian – Pam Fullerton – Host  
Build 1/14/12, coordinator (Pam Fullerton?)

**February 2012**

Meeting 2/1/12, Grosse Pointe Congregational – Chapman Cunningham – Host  
Build 2/11/12, coordinator (Chapman Cunningham?)

**Closing Prayer** – The meeting was adjourned with closing prayer by Jim Garlough at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chick Van Dusen  
10/15/11