

ORANGEVALE GRANGE #354 - Minutes of Monthly Meeting

DATE: 8-16-23

Grange opened at 7:00 pm in round table form with Master Bob Clouse presiding.

Roll call was taken as noted below:

	<u>Present or Absent</u>
Pres./Master: Bob Clouse	Present
V.P./Overseer: Jerry Macklem	Present
Lecturer: Christina Webster	Present
Steward: Aydan Dickinson	Absent
Asst. Steward: Jacob Labelle	Absent
Lady A.S.: Aliyah Wong	Absent
Chaplain: Lisa Montes	Present
Treasurer: Lori Boes	Present
Secretary: Linda Macklem	Present
Gatekeeper: Rylan Dickinson	Absent
Ceres: Amy Wong	Present
Pomona: Elaine Paul	Absent
Flora: Leann Dickinson	Absent
Musician: Sharon Taylor	Present
<u>Executive Committee:</u>	
3 yr. Phill Montes	Present
2 yr. Christina Webster	Present
1 yr. Luke VonderOhe	Present

Other members attending not stated above were Shirley Baker, Jim Beilgard, Debbie Luce, Marge Waggoner, and Aiden Wong. Guests: From Rio Linda Grange Paul & Susan Hanks, Susan is Master of Rio Linda Grange #403, and CA State Grange Treasurer; Paul is the Lecturer at Rio Linda & State Grange Asst. Steward; and Martha Stefenoni CA State Grange Director & National Grange Priest Analyst.

Minutes of last our meeting on July 19, 2023, Lisa Montes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and emailed out, Lori Boes seconded. **Motion Carried.** Linda stated the discussion about the Bees in the Grange Garden area was not recorded in the minutes, as there was no motion made nor a vote taken.

Applications for membership: None

Obligations: None

Reports of Standing Committees:

Executive Committee Report: Jerry Macklem announced there will be an E.C. meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Grange House. Everyone is invited to attend.

Breakfast Report: August Breakfast, August 13, 2023 – We served 112 including staff and 4H. Income \$560.53 (including \$77.53 in charges) less expenses of \$160.25, net \$400.28. We invited the Howes A/C & Heating Co. to breakfast for the repairs & service on our four A/C units. Sign-up sheets for the September 10th Grange Breakfast and the Fair Oaks Chicken Fest Breakfast on Saturday, September 16th from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the front table. This is the third year we have had Chicken Fest at our Grange since the remodel at Fair Oaks has not been completed. (a full report is attached to the original minutes)

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Property Report: Luke VonderOhe reported on the Bridge Safety Committee that the heavy-duty railing was installed by Alan Hopp, Anthony Wong, and himself. Lighting will be mounted on the posts. It was suggested, across the bridge area, that a section of chain link fence be dragged to level out the wood chips so it will be easier to walk after crossing the bridge and to the garden area. Paul Hanks, from Rio Linda Grange, volunteered to bring his chain link section of fence over to our Grange to level out that area. Bob will set a time with him to meet.

GWA: Shirley Baker announced that GWA Crafters Supply Sale will be on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She needs help setting up tables Friday night. Debbie volunteered to come and help. Linda advised if there is a rental on Saturday evening, then the tables can be left up.

Hall Report: Linda reported Rentals are ongoing. October & November are very busy months.

Garden: Jim Beilgard read a statement regarding his involvement with the Grange & Garden Project over the past four years, and obtaining Grants for the various projects. Also, the discussion of Bee Boxes being removed while he was away without the knowledge of the President and E.C. Committee when there was no motion or vote by the members. (A full report is attached to the original minutes) Lisa advised that several people have been stung, at her daughter's wedding and a sound/band member. Debbie had gotten stung in the garden area. Luke is familiar with bees as a farmer, and advised that the vibrations from the music bands or DJ's down on the pad can agitate them. You cannot move them several feet, they must be removed to another location about 3+ miles away. Another location in the garden area may be better in the future.

Jim invited Grange members to Sankalp's house on Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 a.m., for a preview of the Giant Pumpkin that he is growing at his house, which is larger than last year.

Social Media: Website/Facebook– No report

Communications: None

Treasurer's Report: Lori gave an overview of the accounts. (report attached to the original minutes). Lori advised we had received the request for our Annual Insurance Renewal in the amount of \$6,064.15. Shirley Baker made a motion to pay in full the Annual Insurance Renewal in the amount of \$6,064.15, and Linda Macklem seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Old Business:

Western State Conference – July 28th & 29th. CA State Grange is the host. Paul Hanks from Rio Linda Grange cooked all the meals. Paul and Susan Hanks thanked the Orangevale Grange members who signed up to help serve, Dale & Shirley Baker, Lori Boes, Bob Clouse, and Jerry & Linda Macklem. To honor those that helped Paul & Susan presented all of them with a CA State Grange "SustainAbility" Apron, Est. 1873. Paul Hanks gave an overview of his years starting out in the Grange, and he is an unprofessional professional cook. Fun in the kitchen with Paul, we all enjoyed helping that weekend and working with him. Susan gave an overview of the conference and said it was nice to meet everyone attending and Reps from Rhode Island.

CA State Fair - Our Grange Youth member, Jacob Labelle represented the Orangevale Grange at the CA State Fair, with the Grange Red Vest. He won Best Large Duck Category, with his duck named "Slim Jim."

New Business:

Installation: Bob Clouse asked Martha Stefenoni if she would install Luke VonderOhe as 1st Year E.C. at OV Grange. Luke was installed and congratulated. Thank you, Martha, for installing.

Words for 3rds Dictionary Program – Bob asked who would like to volunteer calling the Elementary Schools. Lori Boes volunteered to call the Elementary Schools in San Juan USD after the Labor Day weekend. Linda gave her the list from last year to call and find out the numbers in 3rd grade this school year and which schools would like dictionaries.

Bob Clouse advised that he will attend **CA State Grange Convention** in Petaluma as a Delegate, and that wife Jeanne will not. Jerry said he & Linda will go. After discussion, Jerry Macklem will be the Selected Delegate and Linda Macklem will be an Alternate Delegate. Christina Webster will be attending, and she will be the other Alternate Delegate. Each Grange has two votes at State Convention, so it is important that Orangevale has a vote for Resolutions, etc. Lisa Montes made a motion to approve the Delegates & Alternate Delegates as stated and Shirley Baker seconded. **Motion Carried.** Shirley Baker made a motion to approve \$600 toward expenses for the Delegates, Lisa Montes seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Chaplains Report: Linda advised that Marilyn Dupray's son brought her to our Grange Breakfast. She enjoyed having Biscuits and Gravy, which was her husband's recipe. Jerry made the gravy in Bob's absence and she said he did a good job. It really lifted her spirits to come and see all of us.

Lecturers Program: Martha Stefenoni gave an overview of the CA State Grange Convention in Petaluma from September 20th to 24th, 2023. State Convention you can obtain your 5th & 6th Degree. Also, the National Grange Convention is November 19- 25, 2023 in Niagara Falls. You can obtain your 7th Degree at National.

Everyone enjoyed refreshing Orange Soda Floats before the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

After the benediction, the Grange closed at 8:35 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,

Linda Macklem, Secretary
Orangevale Grange #354

Minutes approved: _____ as presented & emailed; as corrected; as amended
(Date) (circle one)