



Orangevale Grange #354

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Meeting Minutes for 17 January 2024

1. Call to Order

The Grange was opened at 7:05 with Luke VonderOhe presiding.

Roll call was taken as noted below:

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

Executive Committee:

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

Other grange members attending:

Debbie Thompson (applied), Stan Newbold, David Dill, Aidan Wong, Linda Macklem, Marge Waggoner.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of last meeting dated 20 December 2023 were approved as presented & via email. Shirley Baker made the motion and Stan Newbold seconded. Motion carried.



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3. Applications

- a. Debbie Thompson
- b. Judy Egan
- c. Kimberly Hanks – applied previously and was read in November but hasn't communicated since.

4. Obligations

Shirley Baker was obligated as Lady Assistant Steward.

5. Reports of Standing Committees:

• E.C. Report

- a. After a report on the status and cost of repairing the flashing and installing a gutter on the Antelope Room, David Dill proposed and Christina Webster seconded approval of \$380 to complete the work. Motion passed.
- b. After a report on the cost of having and landscaping firm mow, blow fall leaves and trim trees, Christina Webster proposed and David Dill seconded approval of \$850 to complete the work. Motion passed.
- c. After a report on the cost of replacing Grange lights and making electrical upgrades (\$4,425) improving the large light at the stage (\$1,055). Shirley Baker proposed and Debbie Luce seconded the budget for the Grange lights be increased to \$4,425 from the previously approved \$4,000 and electrical upgrades and Stan Newbold proposed and Jerry Macklem seconded the approval of budget for the large light at the stage. Motions passed.
- d. The final paperwork is due for the \$15k tractor grant. Luke VonderOhe and Jim Beilgard will be looking at a tractor in January that Jim has identified for purchase.
- e. Best of Orangevale – the Grange will have a table which costs \$550 and members are invited to attend. Lori Boes motioned and David Dill seconded the purchase of a table for the Grange at the Best of Orangevale. Motion passed.
- f. Orangevale Community Open House – the Grange will have a table at the upcoming Orangevale Community Open House.
- g. Mark your calendars for the Grange Luau! Join us on August 3rd at the Grange.
- h. The annual FFA dinner is being held March 8th. One of the FFA students will be donating the ground beef for the spaghetti.

• GWA (Grange Women's Activities)

- a. Shirley Baker reported that the Craft and Sewing Supply Sale and Exchange is upcoming on March 16th from 9-2 at the Grange. Shirley offered to mentor anyone interested in taking on the organization of this event in the future.



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- **Garden**
 - a. Spreading of wood chips is being proposed at the Garden as a Big Day of Service (May 4th) project.
 - b. There are 16 fruit trees that are available to be planted in the Grange garden, depending on preparation of an appropriate area.
- **Hall Report**
 - a. The hall continues to be rented well into the future. There isn't a free Saturday until April. Weekdays are mostly full.
- **Property Report**
 - a. See above under EC report.
- **Social Media (Website, Facebook etc.)**
 - a. There was an announcement to be sure and vote for the best of Orangevale, including the Grange!
- **Pancake Breakfast**
 - a. At the January breakfast we served 73 adults and two children from the public as well as five adult volunteers and four youth volunteers. An accounting of the receipts and expenses will be forthcoming.

6. Communications

- We received a request from the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce to continue our membership. A vote was held as to if we should continue. Christina Webster proposed and David Dill seconded that we should discontinue our membership as they are not Grange members and our level of involvement in Fair Oaks has decreased over the years. Motion passed.
- We received our annual Orange Vale Water District Proxy. There are only two folks to vote for and two positions open on the board. Shirley Baker proposed and Christina Webster seconded that we cast our vote for the two incumbents. The motion passed.

7. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's report was submitted and is attached. Additional items of note are that the final payment on the HVAC will be made this month and that \$7,538.07 was collected in donations associated with Dovewood Court Parking. There may be a bit more coming, but that is a relatively complete accounting.



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- Shirley Baker suggested that a quarterly profit and loss statement be available to the members at the meetings.

8. Old Business

- We received a thank you note/donation acknowledgement from The Dictionary Project for our 2023 donation of \$2,520.00. It noted that over the years the Orangevale Grange has sponsored 16,896 dictionaries. We are in the process of distributing the dictionaries to our local schools.

9. New Business

- A request was made to update the list of individuals holding a key to the Grange
- A suggestion was made to draft a list of duties for each of the Grange roles so that members could read and understand each role to see if they would like to be involved.
- David Dills offered to assist with HVAC and refrigerator maintenance. Thank you, David!

10. Installation of Officers

- None this month.

11. Chaplains Report

- None this month.

12. Lecturers Program

- None this month, but Christina is working on researching information about what is the Grange, what makes the Grange the Grange.

After the benediction, the Grange closed at 8:13.

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