

Executive Director Report BOD Meeting December 7, 2023

Facilities:

- A. Nothing new to report

Administrative:

- A. Current mortgage issues: Discussed in closed session
- B. ReStore business covered in ReStore Report
- C. I am attending the Rotary Club in Greenville meetings Tuesdays at noon.
- D. I am attending the Montcalm Human Services Coalition meetings. Those meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am in Stanton.
- E. I participate in the Montcalm County Veterans Affairs meetings in Stanton.
- F. I am also attending the COGG meetings in Greenville
- G. I am also participating in 2 to 3 virtual meeting per month with Habitat leadership state wide.
- H. Montcalm Solid Waste committee is becoming Montcalm County Materials Recovery Committee. I have attended their last two meetings under the old format. The expectation is that I will be confirmed as a member of the new committee by the County Commissioners sometime this month.

Fund Development:

- A. We did receive the nonprofit relief fund grant of 25,000
- B. Meijer employees voted for Habitat to receive a donation of 5,000
- C. Saint Charles School Interact students have decorated Christmas cards for us to send out with our annual appeal letters again.
 - a. The cards look really good this year. Students put in a lot of time on them.

Training:

- A. The annual Home building conference will be held again in Roscommon in February. I will be planning to attend this conference again this year

Construction/Family update:

I am pretty sure we have broken some speed building records for our affiliate since our last meeting.

My last report had us waiting on footing inspections so we could get our concrete floors poured.

We poured the garage floor ourselves with the help of a skilled volunteer. While we waited for our concrete contractor to pour the house floor, we were able to frame up the garage and get it sided.

In late October, the house floor was poured. On Friday, November 3rd we started framing up the house. By the time the sun set 3 days later we had framed up the entire house and had it dried in with the roof on it with underlayment. That, in itself, was a huge accomplishment, meaning that our home never got rained/snowed on.

That started the momentum of an awesome month. By December 2, our build site was completed to the point of turning it over to our sub-contractors. This included the home and garage being fully sided. All doors and windows are installed. The water and sewer are connected to the city utilities. Permanent power has been installed, inspected, and activated in the house. The concrete driveway and patio have been poured. The permanent roof shingles have been installed. Top soil has been spread, completing rough grade for the yard to be finished in the Spring. Attic venting has been installed, and interior has been prepped for drywall. DTE has completed and approved their service design. They have released the project for completion, the week of December 22nd. Bandit Industries, near Remus MI, donated the use of a large stump grinder for us to use for the trees we removed from the property.

The Dewey family, as well as Katies parents, have been there helping every step of the way. It has been extremely busy and has had me working 7 days a week. However, our goal was to get the house to this point as fast as possible so we could be finished with all outside work before real winter weather set in. I am exhausted but at the same time, humbled and energized by the positive experience we have had with all of the helpers that made sure we hit our goal.

On the other end of the process, Katie has been working through her requirements for homeownership with Rural Development. She also has her official letter of eligibility for her future mortgage. Next steps on that side of the process will be completing a purchase agreement with Katie for the property and sharing our home specs with Rural Development.

This week, Katie will be picking out colors for her prison build cabinets. She has already picked out her flooring and is working on paint colors. We are also in the process of ordering her appliances from Whirlpool.

We helped with a roof repair through our Brush with Kindness program and we plan to construct a wheelchair ramp next week. We also made three referrals to other agencies for home repair help.