

Highland Lakes Assoc. of REALTORS®

Board of Directors Meeting March 18, 2008

Call to Order: 9:08 AM

Roll Call: Caryn Paye, Chad Thibodeaux, Pat Burton, Rhonda Behrens, Iva Weston, Linda Ferguson, Sherry Raymer, Charley Swift, Melinda Gray

Arriving Late: Elaine Roberts

Absent: Dale Riley, Kristy Morris, Terry Tuteur

Minutes:

- Motion Made, Seconded and Approved

Financial Report:

- Financials were reviewed with the understanding that the amounts of the Certificate of Deposits are to be updated. These exact amounts were not available at the time the report was prepared, pending renewals.
- Motion made to renew CD with Guaranty Bank for a term of 5 months, i/a/o \$102,569.11, Seconded, and Approved
- Motion made to accept Financial Report, Seconded, and Approved

AE Report:

- Linda Ferguson reported that the membership numbers were holding steady with approx. 700 total Board &/or MLS Members and 509 full Board Members.
- Reported that MCE Classes are scheduled. One class for 2 Hrs. being presented by Don Harvey and 15 hrs being presented over two days – March 26 & 27.
- Reported that TAR has requested 6 Realtor® Members to volunteer to participate on Professional Standards Committee
 - Volunteers will be: Iva Weston, Candace Cooke, Charley Swift, Sherry Raymer, Elaine Roberts, Pat Burton

Unfinished Business:

- Task Force on Land and Building Improvements
 - Spring Membership Mixer on March 13th was used as an informational meeting to address the growing needs of the association.
 - A ballot was presented to the membership that evening and via email the following day asking for a decision whether or not to purchase additional property for future expansion of association facilities
 - Voting for the members will remain open until 5PM, Thursday, March 20, 2008
 - Special Board Meeting will be held on Thurs. March 20th at an off-site location. Notice to board members will be posted on HLAoR website.

New Business:

- A letter from TAR asking for support of Joe Stewart for 2010 TAR Sec/Treas was presented for consideration
 - Letter was tabled until next month's meeting
- Jurisdiction change letter, that would affect several counties, was presented.
 - No action taken
- Check signing procedures were reviewed and discussed
 - Motion made to add a fourth signer, being that of the ex-officio, to the checking account signature card. Seconded and Approved
(Current Authorized Signers: Terry Tuteur, Caryn Paye, Chad Thibodeaux, Pat Burton)

Committee Reports:

- **Education:** Committee minutes were reviewed. Plans for a 2hr MCE on March 19th and 15hr MCE on March 26th & 27th. Upcoming educational classes being considered were discussed. Committee will be checking into the cost and involvement of accepting credit card payments for future classes. Also, reviewed fee requirements submitted by Teresa Frost of Alamo Title for conducting MCE class on March 27th. Board members agreed that fee requested was too high and asked the Education Committee to check to see if it could be reduced.
- **MLS:** Committee minutes were reviewed. No recommendations were presented to the Board at this time. The Committee is checking into different possible options for posting open house notices for the membership. Also, the committee reported that they reviewed some verbiage that was presented to them that a few agents are beginning to add to the Confidential Agent Remarks field in the MLS.
- **Membership:** Membership Committee minutes were reviewed. Reported on Spring Mixer held on March 13th. The new members for the month were presented to the Board for approval.
 - Motion was made to accept the new members. Seconded and Approved.
- **Public Relations:** Plans for the HLAoR sponsored Chamber Mixer are being finalized. The date of the Mixer will be Thursday, April 17th 5:30-7:30 to be held at the Board Office.
- **Governmental Affairs:** It was reported that W.T. Smith turned in an interview form for consideration for support of his successful race for Burnet County Sheriff. Mr. Smith was interviewed by the committee and recommendation is being made to the board that a contribution of \$1000 be issued toward Mr. Smith's campaign.
 - Motion was made to issue a check in the amount of \$1000 as support for W.T. Smith's campaign for Burnet County Sheriff. Seconded and Approved.
- **TREPAC:** Committee minutes were reviewed. Plans are still in process for the annual TREPAC fundraiser. Current ideas include a Man Pageant, One Man Band, Dunking Booth Challenge, and Mexican Food

Adjourn: 10:33am

**Minutes prepared by:
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