

Equal Op Committee Meeting
March 19, 2009
10:30am

Present: Bob Dunn, Becky Hosley, Melissa Featherly
Excused: Marilyn Forton

\$25 Gas Card Contest

How well do you spot wording in yours or other's listing ads that doesn't meet Fair Housing Standards? The Equal Opp Committee has put together a fun contest on just this. If you spot an ad that has verbiage that doesn't meet Fair Housing Standards, we would like you to cut it out, strike out the address and any information that identifies the agent, (we don't want to point any fingers, only educate) and fax it to Lori at WMLAR at 616-846-5155.

If the ad IS an infraction in Fair Housing verbiage, we will put your name in for a \$25 Gas Card drawing. The drawing will take place at the end of June.

We hope everyone participates and has some fun with this, but also learn and be more aware of how we write our own ads.

GR Fair Housing Luncheon & Workshop Series

April 22, 2009 at the Crown Plaza in Grand Rapids

\$30 – Workshop

\$45 – Workshop & Luncheon

Holland Fair Housing

April 18, 2009 at the Holland Civic Center

\$125 – Table

Would like WMLAR to sponsor a table

Fair Housing at Tanglewood in Muskegon

Marilyn Forton contacted them about having someone speak at their facility regarding Fair Housing. They would like this to happen in April. They will give us a room which seats 25 at no cost and they will promote the event there.

Fair Housing Breakfast

Sometime in September. More details to come.

Lakeshore Advisory BOD Meeting

Complaint Assistance – 73 complaints on housing issues (9 – Lakeshore, 2-Holland)

Fair Housing Testing – over a 6 month period (July-Dec 08) 58% was race related on the Lakeshore (31% in Kent County). Testing has been stepped up in the Lakeshore area.

Next meeting – April 30, 2009, 9am (combined w/Education Committee Meeting)

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am

Minutes prepared by Lori Santellan, Staff Liaison