

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
FEBRUARY 18, 2009
WMLAR CONFERENCE ROOM
GRAND HAVEN, MI

MINUTES

PRESENT: Sarah Hewitt Doug Merriam
Tom Smolinski Josh Thompson
Brian Klingel Thom Houseman
Brian Jones Tony Zizumbo

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Sarah Hewitt, Chair.

FUNDRAISING The committee talked about several fundraising ideas to raise money for RPAC. Our goal this year set by MAR is \$14, 210. WMLAR collected \$8,996 during dues billing. Need to have an additional \$5,214 to make goal.

After discussing the following fundraising ideas:

- *REALTOR Garage Sale in WMLAR's back lot
- *Las Vegas Night – cannot do because it's a game of chance
- *50/50 – cannot do because it's a game of chance
- *REALTOR Movie Night (part of ticket/concessions would go to RPAC)
- *Silent Auction – possibly connected to the website
- *Bring in Economist Speaker
- *Spaghetti Dinner – volunteers vie for tips, cost \$ for butter for rolls, silverware, etc.
- *Dunk tank for politicians
- *RPAC Day – offer CE, have lunch, reception in evening (Iowa)
- *Shuttle bus for REALTORS for Coast Guard
- *Habitat for RPAC – find a listing that a member has that needs some 'spiffing up' and have members work on the house one day and once the house sells, RPAC gets a portion of the proceeds.

The committee expressed that they would like to do something during an existing event and decided to have a silent and live auction (about 5-6 items live) during the June GM Meeting with Greg McClelland if the Board of Directors approves. Michelle will ask Greg McClelland to give a pitch for RPAC that day and also serve as the live auctioneer. Will need services from committee members and the Board of Directors. If you want to bid on any item, silent or live need a paddle and one will be given for a \$10 RPAC donation. Do not want to go out and purchase items; instead

offer the services of some of our members. The committee came up with the following list of items to be auctioned:

- *Doug Merriam – car wash & wax
- *Michelle Morgenstern – Hot breakfast for your staff meeting
- *Dale Zahn - ???
- *Brian Jones – lawn mowing & trimming
- *Josh Thompson – Automotive oil change, inspection, tire rotation & detailing
- *Brian Klingel – One interior room painting
- *Tom Smolinski – One fishing trip for 2
- *MM – One free CE class for 2009
- *MM – 4-some for WMLAR's golf outing
- *Tony Zizumbo – 'Going Green in Your Home' consultation
- *Thom Houseman – Ghost writing for Letter to editor, your legislator or congressman
- *Dinner with your local state representative or Senator

Ideas the committee would like to see – if a member has a cottage give away a free weekend in the off-season; prepare dinner for 8; sailboat ride; etc.

The committee would also like to advertise a car wash for RPAC during the September Annual Business Meeting for \$10 each. They will wash car in parking lot while GM Meeting is taking place.

If anyone has any items for the auction please e-mail michelle@wmlar.com so that she can keep a list of the items together.

MAR REPORT: Doug Merriam handed out the NAR Homebuyer Tax credit chart to the committee members.

Not much to report at state level:

- *No legislation introduced but talks about a 90 day moratorium on foreclosures as long as Borrower and Lender begin talking.
- *Home Evaluation Code of Conduct – curb appraisal coercion; established complaint hot line; pushing appraisers into AMCS the HVCC is set to go into effect on May 1, 2009; NAR taking no position on this
- *Foreclosures & Assessment Issues/Property Taxes and Pop Ups Almost 30 pieces of legislation out there; full scale ramp up of Proposal A; Dems are sketchy about cutting any revenue; Bill 76 – if a single year sale study will result in a lower assessment, you have to use that.

BOD UPDATE Nothing to report – talking about zip forms at meeting next week

MEET & GREET

LEGISLATIVE

BREAKFAST

Next meeting will take place immediately following the
Legislative Breakfast in April. Doug still waiting to confirm date –
will e-mail to everyone once it is scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Minutes prepared by

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Staff Liaison