

## Macomb County Chapter-Board of Regents Meeting Minutes

Don Symons, President

Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 8:30 am Virtual

**Present:** Don Symons, , Pat Dery, Mary Rose Olejniczak, Stephen Anderson, Grant Kropfeld, Jacqueline Phillips, Kelly Dix , Lori Jaglois, Al LaForte, Randi Brandt, Dawn Waldrip Bertani, Scott Chambers, George Shaheen, , Amy Weglarz (MT), and Bob Taylor (MT)

**Absent:** Janis DeGregory, Fran Kanalos, and Gino Tozzi

Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2023, M/S Approved

### Don Symons, President's Remarks:

- a. Our chapter has 296 members; 283 REALTORS® and 13 Affiliates. The Harper Woods/Grosse Pointe chapter has 150 members, 137 REALTORS® and 13 affiliates
- b. Regent elections will be closing October 11, with results being given later that day. Ballots will be out October 11<sup>th</sup> for the Grosse Pointe Board and will close at noon on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The board of directors will meet at 1p on October 31<sup>st</sup> to elect 2024 officers. Officers for the chapter will be held at our next meeting which is November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- c. November 1<sup>st</sup> is the General Membership meeting at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Breakfast will be served.
- d. November 13<sup>th</sup> round table will be held at Nino Salvaggio on Hall Rd.
- e. December 11 the Extended Leadership meeting will be at the Wayne Community College building on 8 Mile Rd. in Harper Woods.
- f. Bob Taylor will be turning over to Amy Weglarz the majority of the staff interaction with the Macomb Regents. Bob will be available to us but staff is trying to utilize their time more effectively, so Amy will be our first line of contact in the future.

### Topical Meeting:

Radon & Sewer event was held on October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Sterling Heights Community Center from 9:30a – 11:30 am. There were 20 attendees, with many being new members. Thank you to Kevin Stripling for stepping in at the last minute to do the radon presentation. The two sponsorships covered the cost of the room rental and bagels. Discussion was held on offering con-end credits at these classes in 2024.

### Networking Events 2023

October 5<sup>th</sup> Happy hour at Cellar 59 at Partridge Creek had a great turn out.

*Coffee Pop in* – October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Bakehouse 40 at 17119 Kercheval, GP; November 16<sup>th</sup> at In & Out on Hayes between 17 & 18 Mile Rd.

*Happy Hour* – November 2 at Someday Brewery at 20746 Mack Ave, GPW; December 14 at Juan Biancos Tacos & Tequila on Utica Rd South of 15 Mile Rd.

December 6 Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Installation and Holiday party 6-9 pm

### Guest Speakers for 2024

Ideas for 2024: Larry Rocca, a tax CPA; Tom Long on property taxes; assessing class; Inspector from Warren; Detroit Association of Realtors- TJ; Mark Davidieoff –heavy in community involvement. Some of these would be for the Regent meeting others could be for our General membership meetings.

### **Governmental Affairs and RPAC & Municipal and Industry Reports:**

- Stephen Anderson reported that the affiliates now have a total of 104 members. They have adopted a new structure for their membership.
- Kelly Dix reported that the Habitat for Humanity has moved into their corporate office and their new store which is in the old library on VanDyke in Warren. Their grand opening is October 19<sup>th</sup>. Macomb County sponsored a manufacturing day in which 30 companies interacted with high school students in a job fair. Kelly attend the Senior Expo held at MCCC on Garfield. Kelly also recommended checking out the Fraud Guard site. <https://macombcountymi-recorder.tylerhost.net/recorder/eagleweb/fraudGuardSignup.jsp>
- Jacqueline Phillips – Women’s Council Lake Pointe events; October 17<sup>th</sup> they will have a mixer at Michigan by the Bottle on Hayes; November 8<sup>th</sup> is the Past President Luncheon at Andiamo’s in Warren; December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Gala at Mirage, this year it will be an evening event. Macomb Foster Closet bought the old Second Hand Rose building in Mt Clemens and is looking for help to get it up and running (painting, shelf building, stocking etc.).
- Al LaForte reported Romeo Tillson Street is ready for Halloween. He has noticed new real estate companies now having offices in Romeo.
- Grant Kropfeld reported that we are still trying to fund Barker. It is believed we are about \$3,800 shy. Discussion was held on events that could be held to raise the funds.
- Randi Brandt reported that 1031 exchanges are an upcoming topic.
- George Shaheen reported on the new construction at 25 Mile Rd and Romeo Plank and 24 Mile and Romeo Plank. Homes are in the low \$400,000 range. Problem could be the high taxes in the area.
- Scott Anderson reported that Centerline is having their trunk or treat this Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Last year they had over 3,000 kids. Chesterfield had their first newsletter out this month. The new Library on Cass in Mount Clemens is now open.
- Amy Weglarz reported on the YPN events – their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday bash will be at Total Sports on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm. They are looking for members to be on their advisory board.
- Discussion was held on the lack of attendance at our events. All Regents should be attending and bring one or two guests with them.

### **New Business:**

Motion to move our next Regent meeting from November 14<sup>th</sup> to November 21<sup>st</sup> due to the NAR convention. M/S/approved

**Next Meeting November 21, 2023 at 8:30 am via Zoom**

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 am  
Respectfully submitted by Pat Dery