

Macomb County Chapter-Board of Regents Meeting Minutes

Don Symons, President

Tuesday, November 21, 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, George Shaheen, Fran Kanalos, Amy Weglarz (MT), and Bob Taylor (MT)

Absent: Janis DeGregory, Scott Chambers, and Gino Tozzi

Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2023, with correction that October 19th pop in was at Stop Here Café. M/S Approved

Don Symons, President's Remarks:

- a. Our chapter has 339 members; 324 REALTORS® and 15 Affiliates.
- b. Regent nominations for 2024 officers: Al LaForte will be President automatically. Lori Jaglois for President-Elect and Pat Dery for Secretary. Motion was made to/seconded/approved.
- c. December 11th the Extended Leadership meeting will be at the Wayne Community College building on 8 Mile Rd. in Harper Woods, starts at 8:30 am and will end at 1:30 pm.
- d. December 6th will be the GPBR Holiday Party and Installation. 6-9 pm. get your tickets.
- e. Annual Macomb Chapter meeting will be March 6th at 8:30 am, place TBD.

Networking Events 2023

Happy Hour – December 14 at Juan Blancos Tacos & Tequila on Utica Rd South of 15 Mile Rd.

Guest Speakers for 2024

Ideas for 2024: Larry Rocca, Don will work on this. Warren Mayor – Kelly Dix and Stephen Anderson will work on this. Macomb Planning Commissioner – George Shaheen will work on this.

Governmental Affairs and RPAC & Municipal and Industry Reports:

- Kelly Dix reported that the Habitat for Humanity had their Gala on November 11th. Make Macomb your Home has a big push on shopping locally. You can check out their website, they are giving our gift cards from \$10 - \$150, take a picture of you shopping locally and post on their website from November 24 to December 3rd.
<https://www.macombgov.org/makemacombyourhome>
- Fran Kanalos – Women's Council Lake Pointe events; October 17th was a great event. Their Gala will be on December 8th at Mirage from 5:30 pm on. Tickets are still available. Stephen Anderson donated a tree to be auctioned off and the proceeds will be going to GAMD Barker. There will also be a tree that will be auctioned off and proceeds will go to Macomb Foster Closet.
- Al LaForte spoke about Zillow conference he attended and their plans to more heavily involved in the real estate industry.
- Grant Kropfeld reported that we are still trying to fund Barker. A euchre tournament is being planned to raise the funds.

- Randi Brandt reported that commercial property sales are down 50% and they are sitting on the market longer. Converting a commercial building for residential use is hard to do. Randi gave an update on what she learned at the NAR convention.
- George Shaheen reported that MJC is building apartment complex on 22 Mile Rd and Romeo Plank. 25 Mile Rd and Romeo Plank has a new subdivision going in. 24 Mile rd. and Romeo Plank have spec homes being built at a price range of \$550,000-\$650,000.

New Business:

Amy asked members to donate to the basket of cheer that will be raffled off at the December 6th Holiday party. Go to gpbr.com/cheer.

Next Meeting December 12, 2023 at 8:30 am via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 9:2 am

Respectfully submitted by Pat Dery