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Harper Woods/Grosse Pointe Chapter of the GPBR

Tuesday, Mar. 17, 2026 @ 1:00PM Via Zoom

President: Donna O’Keefe

President Elect: Jimmy Saros

(9) Regents Present: Donna O’Keefe (PRES), Alexis DeLuca (Past Pres), Jimmy Saros (PRES ELECT), Ryan Lally (Secretary), Mackenzie Holguin (YPA), Laura Peters, Lynne Shine Williams, Lara Miller, Ryan Peck

(1) Regents Absent: Jamie Begin

(2) Liaisons, & (2) MT Present: Chris DeRosier, Brian Rumohr, Debbie Fajardo (MT), Jen Hild (MT)

(3) Liaisons Absent: Donna O’Neil, Chace Wakefield, Melissa Singh

- I. **Called to order** at 1:06 PM
- II. **Approval of the prior meeting** for 2/10/26, M/S/P.
- III. **President’s Report** (O’Keefe)
 - A. **Membership Count:** 292 primary members, plus secondary, corporate partners and affiliates equals 318 total chapter members. Increased from 273 primary members in Feb 2026.
 - B. **Upcoming Board Events:** 3/24 YPN Tax Talk (w/ lunch), 4/2 Happy Hour at Zeff’s Dockside (SCS), 4/10 Roundtable (WCCCD), 4/16 Con-Ed w/ Jack Waller (WCCCD), Broker Summit, 4/23 Detroit Historical Museum presentation w/ Fair Housing & DEI Committee (followed by Happy Hour at Z’s Villa, Detroit), 4/30 “Tacos & Tequila” RPAC II fundraiser (Macray Harbor’s Lago Cucina Restaurant, Harrison Twp)
 - C. **General Membership Meeting recap:** 60 ish people attended. The Executive Director of The Helm presented to the group. Negative feedback regarding the food provided by GPYC; GPBR BOD is addressing.
- IV. **New Business:** Discussion regarding each city building department’s C of O requirements, bonds, etc.
- V. **Old Business:** GP Chamber of Commerce membership cost follow-up: If broker is a member, then an agent’s individual membership only costs \$140. Otherwise, \$265.
- VI. **HW/GP Happy Hours 2026:** 5/7 Most likely Atwater or Alma Kitchen. TBD.
- VII. **Municipal, YPN, and Affiliate Reports:**
 - A. The Hill Association –Peters.
 1. Membership dues in progress; contact Jenny Boettcher for info.
 2. New payment platform for non-profits: Zeffy.
 3. City of GPF update – Pier Park bathhouse demolition in progress for pool renovation. Flowers will be planted on The Hill in May.
 4. The Helm is running a pilot program for adult daycare.
 5. GP Central Library has a special “Author Event” on 4/18. Tickets are sold out.
 6. Thrive on The Hill. iCryo is hosting a health fair and wellness-oriented street festival on Saturday, July 18, 2026 (afternoon/evening).
 - B. Affiliate Committee –Peters.
 1. Pop-up tax issue continues to be a topic of discussion.

- 2. Speed Networking collaboration event w/ YPN planning is in the works.
- C. Grosse Pointe Park - DeRosier:
 - 1. Some Park residents are not aware of the approval to allow Farms residents access to GPP pool. Get the word out.
 - 2. March Tax Board of Review. 3/24 is the last remaining day to appeal.
 - 3. Charlevoix social district re-design / re-build will begin mid-April or as soon as weather permits.
 - 4. Kercheval After Six days are confirmed: 6/27, 7/25, 8/22
 - 5. Hazardous waste drop-off date is 4/11 at Neff Park for Farms/City/Park/Shores; Shred Day for Park residents only is 5/16 at Windmill Pointe Park
- D. Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce –Rumohr:
 - 1. Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast May 7. Tickets are still available.
 - 2. 3/23 Canva Marketing lunch & learn class.
 - 3. 3/30 Sunset social at The Bricks.
 - 4. 4/22 Sunrise social at The Daily Jam.
 - 5. 2nd annual Community Impact Day. Last year saw 80 volunteers. This year’s goal is 150-200. Donna O’Neil will discuss with GPBR Community Outreach Committee.
- E. Grosse Pointe City - O’Neill: Absent.
- F. Grosse Pointe Farms – Lally:
 - 1. Property tax board of review day 2 is 3/24.
 - 2. Storm water separation project continues. Tonnancour Place section should be completed before May.
 - 3. Pier Park \$15M pool renovation is in progress.
 - 4. Zoning ordinance changes now allow for residential housing above businesses on The Hill.
- G. Grosse Pointe Shores – Wakefield: Absent.
- H. Grosse Pointe Woods –O’Keefe: March tax board of review in progress.
- I. Harper Woods – Singh: Absent, but says nothing significant to report. **Note:** We need to find a replacement for Melissa; she will stay on until a replacement is identified.
- J. Young Professionals Network – Holguin: Absent, but sent notes.
 - 1. Tuesday, 3/24 – YPN Tax Talk - Hosting a free tax talk at Nino Salvaggio featuring a certified tax planner, a financial planner, and an attorney with lunch.
 - 2. Volunteer Week in May. More to follow.
- VIII. **Open discussion: The Chapter made a motion to change the date from 4/21 to 4/28 (to accommodate members attending the Broker Summit) at 1 pm via Zoom. M/S/A**
- IX. **Next Meeting: 4/28 at 1 pm via Zoom.**
Future Meetings: 5/26, 6/30, 8/4, 9/8, 10/13, 11/17
- X. **Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Lally, Secretary