

CMARC Board Meeting Minutes January 19, 2009

Attendees: Laurie Steinemer, Carol Kantor, Cliff Thomas, Scott Luther, Laurie Alicke, Shawn Sweeney, Linda Dudley, John Casuccio, Allen Bellamy, Christine McKinley, Andrew Ikall

Absent: Gelaine Joachim

Website Committee Update – Cliff Thomas

The website has been updated with the new Board members. It will be updated shortly to reflect the new Committee chairs. We are now able to accept American Express.

Sponsorship Committee Update – John Casuccio

Sponsor requests will be going out within the next few days. We need to better clarify Platinum sponsorship includes one membership.

Membership Committee Update – Scott Luther & Laurie Alicke

106 invoices were sent

We've received 17 membership renewals on-line and 6 new applications

Scott is following up with inactive members

The Board approved the following new members:

Mike Goebel – Homeland Appraisal Group

Nicole Trotter – Wynne Residential Corporate Housing

Miriam Peters – Peters & Associates

Lyn Hudson – Sirva

Andrew Ikall – Lowes

Marnita Williams – Countrywide

We need to clarify the \$175 corporate membership fee is per person; not per company. It was suggested each of the Board members and Sponsors invite 5 guests to each event. First time corporate attendees are invited as our guests.

Should we do a separate fun event – wine tasting, golf outing, NASCAR event?

A sub-committee was formed for both projects with John Casuccio the chair and Scott Luther, Christine McKinley and Laurie Alicke

Treasury Report – Cliff Thomas

We started 2009 with a cash position of \$17,000 which is a \$5,000 increase over 2008. \$6,000 - \$7,000 was from our sponsors.

Our Post Office Box is now in the South Park area

We have also changed our banking partner and have received new checks

Scholarship Committee – Linda Dudley

The website was updated to show Linda's contact information.

Letters were sent to Charlotte Catholic High School and Mecklenburg School System.

Our 2008 scholarship winner did not respond to our repeated requests for the name of the college so we were unable to send the \$1,000 scholarship amount.

The scholarship awards will be presented at the June meeting.

Christine will provide Linda with the names of educators to assist with evaluating the essays.

Programs – Shawn Sweeney

The committee looked at more than 20 places for a new meeting location as Maggiano's isn't large enough to accommodate our membership.

Based on 80+ attendees at our meetings, and the need for parking, we are limited to local hotels or corporations that have rooms large enough to accommodate us.

The March meeting will be held at DelFrisco's in South Park. We will have the restaurant exclusively and they will provide valet parking.

The June meeting will be held at Lowes in Mooresville.

Locations for the September meeting and November holiday event have not been determined.

The March 12 meeting will be a panel discussion on the mortgage market. Panelists are Linda Hunt from Wachovia, Mike Nasr from Countrywide Bank and Michael Drew from AIRes.

Registration will start at 10:45 with networking until 11:30. The meal service will begin at 11:30 with the panel discussion starting at 11:45 – 11:50. This will allow more time for questions at the end of the presentation.

The Board will take the speakers to dinner the night before.

The June 9 meeting will feature Dave Oltman of Relo Tax.

Our speaker for our September 9 meeting canceled, so the committee is looking for a replacement.

The Board was saddened to learn of the death of long time member Jane Osborne. Flowers will be sent to her memorial service.

Next Board meeting will be held at 9:00 am at DelFrisco's.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Kantor
Secretary