

## **CMARC Board Meeting Minutes February 26, 2009**

Attendees: Laurie Steinemer, Carol Kantor, Scott Luther, Shawn Sweeney Linda Dudley, John Casuccio, Christine McKinley

Absent: Gelaine Joachim, Cliff Thomas, Laurie Alicke, Allen Bellamy, Andrew Ikall

### **Sponsorship Committee Update – John Casuccio**

Sponsorships are being impacted by the economy. In 2008 we had 7 Platinum and 6 Silver sponsors; so far in 2009 we have 2 Platinum, 4 Silver plus another verbal commitment for Silver. John will send another broadcast message to the membership.

### **Membership Committee Update – Scott Luther**

Renewals are coming in about 50% better than they did last year. We had about 85 active paid members last year and so far we have 50 paid members for 2009. Since there is usually a surge of renewals before the first meeting, we're hopeful to increase the membership number within the next two weeks.

We have 57 registrations for the March Mortgage Madness meeting including quite a few first time attendees. The Raleigh relocation group is also planning on attending.

It was suggested that we stress the new individual membership category to increase membership. Laurie will speak to this at the March meeting.

The Board will discuss the possibility of discounted memberships for companies with several members at the next Board meeting.

### **Scholarship Committee Update – Linda Dudley**

We have received 4 essays to date. They will be reviewed by several local teachers and the winners will be announced at our June meeting.

### **Program Committee Update – Shawn Sweeney**

The March Mortgage Madness meeting is on March 12 at Del Frisco's. A few of the Board members will be taking the speakers to dinner the night before.

CRP credits will be earned.

Lynn Bragg, ERC's CEO, may be our speaker for the September 17 meeting. Shawn is waiting for confirmation.

The Program Committee is looking into several possibilities for our Holiday event in November including a Country Club and local hotels, It was mentioned that Ingersoll Rand can host evening events but there were concerns about the commute.

The committee is also looking into having an extra fun meeting perhaps in April. Helping Friendship Trays for a day was one of the suggestions.

**New Business & Updates**

The Board learned of Allen Bellamy's hip surgery and his expected month-long recovery. Shawn will check with Linda Hunt on his progress and report back to the Board.

The Board approved gifts for the former Board members whose terms had expired. They will be presented at the March 12 meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be at 9:00 at Del Frisco's. Laurie will send a revised list with dates for the remainder of the 2009 Board meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Kantor  
Secretary