

Georgia Upstate Lakes Board of REALTORS

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Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2014

Call to order

President Donna Bennett called to order the scheduled meeting of the Georgia Upstate Lakes Board of Realtors at 11:10 a.m. on January 8, 2014 at the Lavonia Depot in Lavonia, Georgia.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Michelle Grafton, Pat Rowland, Sheryl Mayo, Donna Bennett, Brooks Moorhead, Shelley Phillips and Barbara Payne. AE, Michele Dipert also was in attendance.

Financial Report

Pat Rowland went over the financial report as of December 31, 2013. The Pinnacle Bank statement has not come in yet, so there may some changes. The December 2013 financial report was voted on and approved.

Minutes

Donna Bennett presented the minutes from the December meeting. These were voted on and approved as read.

Committee Updates

Education Committee:

2014 In-Depth Contract GAR Forms: What Changed 2014?

January 20 at 9am at the Adult Learning Center in Hartwell (*next to Library downstairs*)

Instructor: Howell Haunson 3 CE 9am-Noon \$30 for members / \$40 non-members

Membership Committee: The following new member was accepted into the Georgia Upstate Lakes Board. This was voted on and approved.

- James Smith/Tri-County Properties in Seneca

Programs & Sponsorships Committee:

The January 15, 2014 General Membership Meeting will have the installation of new officers. Joey Tucker will do installation and discuss GRI. This will take place at the Hartwell Golf Club. To date 28 people have RSVP'd. Homestar Financial Corporation is the meeting sponsor.

Old Business

- Michele reported the Paypal link on web page was repaired in late December by Ken Carter.
- Barbara Payne accepted the Treasurer position. Shelley Phillips accepted the Secretary position. Brooks Moorhead accepted the Franklin County Director position. Installation of Officers will take place on January 15, 2014.
- Betty Powell was nominated for the Hart County Director position as Lynn Pruitt resigned. Shelley will contact her.
- Michele Dipert reported on 2014 Membership Dues. We currently have 87 Primary members, 1 Secondary out of state member and 7 Affiliate members. We currently have 10 members who have outstanding 2014 dues.

New Business

- Michele reported that she will send out a Committee sign-up email to all members. Descriptions will be included.
- Circle of Excellence Awards were discussed. Michelle Grafton will reserve the Gates Cottage in Toccoa, for the Awards Lunch in March with the same caterer we used last year.
- Realtor of the Year Awards nominations will be emailed to membership today, per Michele. The Awards Committee will determine the winner.
- The Real Estate Register Ad was discussed and it was decided to reduce the number of ads placed in that publication. It was suggested to do more press releases in local papers thereby educating the public on the value of using a REALTOR.
- A New Member Orientation will be scheduled for February 2014.

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be Feb 12, 2014, Location TBA.

Donna Bennett adjourned the meeting at 11:55am.

Minutes submitted by: Michele Dipert, AE