

Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

11:00 Wednesday, April 11, 2018

This Community Relations Committee met at the Board Office. Chairperson Greta Carter-Wilson conducted the meeting which was also attended by:

Danny Freeman	SRE		
Diane Kennedy	McG	Rob Coleman	SRE
Henry Wertin	McG	Ryan Desch	SRE
Jasmine Collins	KWI	Susan Bonham	PLA
Justin Wilk	SRE	Colette Wedan	CTN
Kaitlyn Werst	KWI	Diane Fry	FWM
Katie Stutler	SRE	Jessica Wollesen	FSB
Lee Beth Dever	SRE	Kelsey Kreutser	MdAm
Mary Jones	McG	Kate White	ENV
Mary Beth Titus	PLA	Mark Hernandez	FMS

And Bethany Christesen, the Assistant MLS Coordinator for the LBOR.

The Education committee would like to pair up with the Community Relations Committee in a Community Blood Drive. Katie Stutler spoke about the Blood Drive. Our goal is to collect 20 pints of blood. We need to set a date. Katie is going to look at dates in July and August. They would do the blood drive out of the Blood Mobile. More details to come.

In New Business, Katie Stutler spoke about a fundraiser for the America Red Cross called the Home Fire Protection. This is where Smoke detectors are available for homes that do not have smoke detectors. This provides us education on the homes in a lower price level as well as market the importance of Fire Protection/Smoke Detectors. Board approved and passed to provide \$250 towards purchasing 15 smoke detectors. We would like to develop a relationship with the American Red Cross so people could come to the Board Office to get a smoke detector for their home. American Red Cross hard wires the smoke detectors. We could also consider them as a recipient for Charity Classic or a different fundraiser.

Ryan Desch reported on the Bowl for Kids Sake – Realtor Bowl. A date of June 8 has been set from 6-9pm at the Royal Crest Lanes. A Facebook group will be started for this event. We would like Affiliates to be involved in the Bowl for Kids Sake not necessary to form their own team but to be invited on a Realtor team. Here is the link to register. <https://www.4kidsake.org/DouglasBowlMania1>

Bethany shared progress with the Charity Classic that is set for October 1 at The Jayhawk Club. Envista, our Title Sponsor, is helping us create a new logo for the Charity Classic. A logo has been decided but waiting on a few adjustments. Once this is completed we can move forward with announcing and promoting the Charity Classic. Bethany has been working on the online registration. Early Bird Registration will be launched May 1.

Greta talked briefly on the Community Relations Committee pairing with the Education Committee in taking a tour of the Boys and Girls Club Teen/Career Center. A date has been set for July 23rd. More details to come on this. Lucy will speak about this at a future CRC meeting.

Greta gave an update on the needs for Family Promise. Ryan and Greta met with Dana to find out their needs and how we can help in 2018. Currently, their storage shed is empty which is a rarity. They are in need of new or gently used beds and mattresses. No stains or bed bugs. If you come across sellers who are getting rid of beds and mattresses, please consider donating to Family Promise. If you have specific questions on what can be donated or what is needed, please contact the Family Promise Day House at [785-764-9506](tel:785-764-9506). If you are needing assistance with pickup or need to arrange a drop off, please contact John Booth, john@lawrencefamilypromise.org. There is a possibility LBOR will have the opportunity to partner with Family Promise on another temporary housing unit where we would need your help as a volunteer and for donations. We will be in touch about this matter. We encourage all of our members to like Family Promise Facebook page to get a direct idea of what is needed at a certain time. Ryan and Bethany will share the posts of needs from the Family Promise page to the Community Relations Committee/LBOR Facebook page.

Ryan shared some research he has done on other Foundations and provided some ideas and examples for the Lawrence REALTOR® Community Foundation. One example was to add a small optional donation on our website and for every transaction that would go directly to our Lawrence REALTOR® Community Foundation. Funds would be there to use at the discretion of the Lawrence REALTOR® Community Board. It was also brought up to add a small donation option when clients are doing business with our Affiliates. For example, a portion of closing costs can be distributed to the Lawrence REALTOR® Community Foundation.

The next meeting is set for May 9 at 11:00AM at the Board Office.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bethany Christesen
Staff CRC Liaison