

Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

11:00 Wednesday, June 13, 2018

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

Amy Wilson	SRE	Susan Bonham	PLA
Danny Freeman	SRE	Colette Wedan	CTN
Jasmine Collins	KWI	Jessica Wollesen	FSB
Justin Wilk	SRE	Kelsey Kreutser	MdAm
Mary Jones	McG	Mark Hernandez	FMS
Randy Barnes	SRE	Diane Fry	FIM
Rob Coleman	SRE		
Ryan Desch	SRE		

And Rob Hulse and Bethany Christesen, the Assistant MLS Coordinator for the LBOR.

Ryan Desch and Rob Hulse gave an update on the Lawrence REALTOR® Community Foundation (LRCF). First meeting was June 7. Accountant is in process of completing application for Federal tax ID number. Board positions were selected. Congratulations to Ryan Desch (Chairperson), Mary Jones (Vice-Chairperson), Kate White (Secretary/Treasurer), Amy Wilson (Trustee), Susan Bonham (Trustee), Jasmine Collins (Trustee), Colette Wedan (Trustee). First year will be a 18 month (June 2018 – December 2019) term. Lawrence Board of REALTORS® agreed to start LRCF account with \$100.00.

Ryan Desch provided an update on the Bowl for Kids Sake (Big Brother Big Sisters). June 8th date was postponed due to lack of participation and money raised. Possible new dates are August 17 or the 24th from 6-9PM. Please consider getting a team together and raising money for this event.

Rob and Bethany gave an update for Charity Classic. Date is set for October 1, 2018, 11:00 registration and 12:30 shotgun at The Jayhawk Club. A follow up was done on Hole Sponsorships from last year. There are a few sponsors that still need following up. There was discussion on how we can reach outside the real estate world. We will follow up with a few other brokers as well as open it up to Affiliates to try to get a commitment to do a basket for the Silent Auction. We have six agencies so far that have committed to put together a basket. Our goal is to have 12 or so baskets.

Greta Carter Wilson had an update on the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center Tour. The tour will help develop a relationship with Boys and Girls Club. Future plans could include helping to educate teens on what their housing options are in the future. The tour will be July 23, 4-5PM at the Center on Haskell. Anyone is welcome to attend. There will be a happy hour and discussion following the tour at On The Border.

The LBOR Blood Drive is an all day event on September 7 at the LBOR main conference room. A link to sign up will be provided very soon. Once this is available it will be shared with members. Please consider giving blood!

In New Business, we discussed an update on the Red Cross Smoke Detector program. Greta, Ryan and Rob attended a meeting with a representative from Red Cross informing them on the program and events associated with this. Greta attended an event on June 10 sponsored by the parents of Madison Halverstadt who died in a house fire in East Lawrence that did not have any smoke detectors. This event provided free smoke detectors for interested parties in selected neighborhoods. The Community Relations committee would like to build a relationship with Red Cross and have LBOR be a supplier for smoke detectors. Rob will contact NAR to see if there are any concerns or liability with LBOR getting involved with this. The preferred brand of smoke detector is Kidde.

Bethany passed on some information gathered from Family Promise. They are reaching out to organizations to see if they are willing to help with the Family Promise rotation when some of the smaller churches host. They are having a hard time supplying the volunteers and meals needed. The commitment with one church would be four times a year.

The number of volunteers each time depends on the number of nights/days we want to be involved. One night would consist of a group bringing or preparing food, 2-4 evening hosts and 2 overnight hosts. We will get a feel of the interest before we commit.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10PM.

Next Meeting is July 11 at 11:00 at LBOR office.

Respectfully submitted,
Bethany Christesen
Staff CRC Liaison