

Howard County Million Dollar Club Luncheon

General Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Debbie Nagle called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. The meeting was held at the COHO Grill, Columbia, MD.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was given by Judy Caton, Vice President. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

MINUTES

Minutes from the June 18, 2009 meeting were read by JoAnn Alexander, and accepted as read.

Other Business

Patty Smallwood spoke to the group about the CARE Award. The CARE Award is an image award that realtors get for hours of volunteer work and community relations. Carroll County won first place, while Howard County won 3rd place. Patty also spoke on the significance of realtors joining and contributing to RPAC.

Debbie reported to the members that due to the decrease in the membership for the Howard County Million Dollar club, it could affect the amount of money donated to charitable organizations. Last year the club donated \$6,000. In order to meet last year's contribution amount, a motion was put before the club to take \$3,000 from the club's reserve funds. The motion was approved by an overwhelming number.

Carol Gamble announced that HCAR is offering CRS courses for the first time. The course will have a national speaker. She also told the group that only 4% of realtors have the CRS Designation.

Guest Speaker

Valerie Gross, CEO Howard County Public Library

Ms. Gross spoke on the Howard County Choose Civility initiative. Sixty thousand (60,000) magnets have been distributed to date. A Howard County business can choose to be an alliance partner at no cost, but they'll get great visibility. There are nearly 100 organizations that are alliances for Choose Civility.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.