



**Board of Directors  
September 22nd**

**MINUTES**

- I **Call to Order:** Jim Keaty, President called the meeting to order.
- II **Roll Call & Establish a Quorum:** Keaty established that a quorum had been met.
- III **Approval of Minutes: A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the August meeting. MOTION CARRIED**
- IV **President's Report:**
  1. **Phase Three-** what does it mean for RAA programming? Keaty discussed with board members upcoming events and how they would be handled with the State moving into Phase 3 of the Covid Recovery plan. Broker Breakfast meetings would still be conducted via Zoom. Awards for 2020 (REALTOR® of the Year, Affiliate of the Year, Peer Award) would not be presented in 2020. The annual board luncheon was on hold and will be reconsidered in November. Staff will continue to offer to RAA members CE/ On-Live events for the remainder of 2020. Jason Ray's installation is TBD and will not be held until January of 2021.

**A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the above recommendations on RAA prograding for 2020. MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Legislative update on STR's/ Property Tax ordinance: Keaty updated the board of the RAA's political efforts on the following items:**

- a. Short Term Rentals- proposed ordinance was pulled by LCG
- b. Tax Millages: City did not raise property taxes for 2020. The Parish did vote to raise the millages, but several of these increases were line item vetoed by Josh Guillory.
- c. Lunch with Josh Carlson: Members of the Legislative Committee met with Josh Carlson to discuss ways in which the organization can work with the Parish Council to address budget shortfalls for necessary infrastructure needs for the Parish.

**3. MLS Update:** Keaty reported the MLS landscape in Louisiana had changed with the Shreveport Association joining NETRIS.

**4. Hurricane Laura and Lake Charles Members:** Keaty reported the board voted via email to send \$5,000 to the Louisiana REALTOR® Relief Fund which provides direct funding for members of the REALTOR® Family.

The board discussed ways in which they could further assist Lake Charles REALTORS®.

**A MOTION was made and seconded to offer all members of the Southwest Louisiana Association of REALTOR® complimentary dues, MLS and ShowingTime service from now until December of 2020. The MOTION FAILED**

**A MOTION was made and seconded to refund any secondary RAA member who lives in Lake Charles their Association dues, MLS and showing times fees paid for Sept.- December. MOTION CARRIED**

**5. 234 Rue Beauregard Update:** Susan Holliday CEO, reported she continues to make progress on the few remaining items for 234 Rue Beauregard (furniture, sign, landscaping etc.) Monty Warren reported there was another tenant he was working with who expressed interest in the upstairs space but he had recently learned that the company had dissolved in the Lafayette market.

**6. 2021 Election Update:** Jason Ray reported the staff had launched a special page on the RAA website which has all of the candidate bio's and videos for the 2021 Election. Voting opens on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at midnight on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Susan Elizabeth Holliday Annual Review:** The board went into executive session to discuss the CEO's annual review.

**V Treasurer's Report:** Smith referred members to the current membership numbers for 2020. He did note that RAA had already met its budgeted membership figures for 2020 which was positive. He encouraged board members to make calls to the new members. He reported the Prudential account as of August 31<sup>st</sup> was \$721,819.75. Smith then reviewed and answered questions concerning the financial statements for the REALTOR® Association of Acadiana's finances and RAA Properties. It was suggested that the Budget & Finance Committee consider making financial contributions to the selected charities for the Gumbo Cook-off. The suggestion would be to make a contribution even though the RAA was unable to host the event in 2020 due to Covid.

**A MOTION was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. MOTION CARRIED**

**VI Committee Reports:**

**a. MLS:** Bill Bacque reported on the MLS Minutes for September. **A MOTION was made and seconded to accept the September MLS minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

Jason Ray reported he has received a request from the MLS committee to appoint a subscriber for the MLS committee since a current member, Dawn Deere had recently submitted her resignation. Ray would like the board to confirm the appointment of Angi Trahan for the remainder of 2020 and for her to serve under his appointment power for the following year for a 2-year term.

**A MOTION was made to accept and approve Ray's recommendation of Angi Trahan for the remainder of this subscriber vacancy for 2020 and for 2021-2022. MOTION CARRIED**

**b. YPN:** Tony Cobarrubia reported on the minutes for the YPN. **A MOTION was made and seconded to accept the YPN September minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

**c. RCA:** Monty Warren reported on the RCA. **A MOTION was made and seconded to accept the RCA Report. MOTION CARRIED**

**VII CEO report:** Susan Holliday reported on the happenings within her office since the last board meeting.

**VIII New/ Old Business:**

**IX: Calendar of Upcoming Events:** Jim Keaty urged all members to participate in the ZOOM presentation on I-Buyers with Nobu Hata being offered by the YPN Committee on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.