



IREP Minutes

February 14, 2017

Happy Valentine's Day. The meeting was called to order at 9:05AM by Kim Cooke, President and she opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Gayle LaBonte, President Elect, followed with the inspiration of the day.

Speaker – Ben Friedlander introduced our speaker **Joe Farrell**, Public Policy Director at PRO. Joe is involved with coordinating the RPAC Campaign, Coordinate the Tallahassee Trip amongst many other duties and passions. Joe is working for all of us to have the ability to do business in the real estate market. At the Federal level some of the issues are tax reform, incentives to buy/sell real estate, estoppel certificates, Assignment of Benefits and many more. If anyone has any examples to help any of these causes please get in touch with Joe. Penny for Pinellas is up for a vote in November. This is only authorized for 10 years. In addition to RPAC, The Realtor Champion Fund is another monetary source that can benefit realtors running for office. Joe shared a lot of great information. Thank you Joe!!

New Members and Guests – Welcome to our guests Robin Emanuel, Peace of Mind Home Inspections and Buck Best, USAmeribank. Welcome new members Pauline Callaghan, Sun Title Insurance Agency. Robin Emanuel joined after the meeting.

Birthday Greetings - Happy Birthday to all February Birthdays.

Education –Our next meeting a representative from Fidelity National Title will address Social Media on Facebook. For future meetings we would like to have a lender/title company panel. If you are interested please see Ben. Any ideas for speakers please see Ben.

Treasurer's Report – Barry Beote, Treasurer, balance from 2016 is \$1344.07 and January is \$1813.07. Some members paid their dues for the entire year. We will send out checks this week to PARC and CASA Charities.

Minutes – Debbie Kampel, Secretary, will email out the minutes.

Announcements – CASA Food Drive will be led by Allen Collins. Brittany Mitchell offered to put donation bins in offices. Anyone interested please reach out to Allen or Brittany.

Pitch – Ben Friedlander, Big Ben Realty – Pasadena Yacht and Country Club, 4/3 with office, 3 car garage \$470K. Ben also shared Snell Isle, 146 ft water, waterfront property \$1.5M. Andrew Cabot, Holland and Associates – Coming soon, wood frame north of 5th Ave and 8th St, property is down to the studs. Tim

Snelgrove, Checkerboard Realty – Carriage View, 2/1 Lakeview/Highland, good rental history \$68K.
Anastasia Bizzarri, Pinellas Realty (Real Estate with an Accent), – 1600 sq ft 3/2, 1149 Queen St.,
Clearwater. It's all remodeled.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 10:03AM.

Next meeting is **Tuesday, March 14, 2017** at PRO. 8:30 – 9:00 Networking. 9:00AM Meeting begins.