



IREP Minutes

August 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:01AM by Kim Cooke, President. Gayle LaBonte, President Elect, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the inspiration.

Speaker – Ben Friedlander introduced Mike Twitty, Pinellas County Property Appraiser. Mike explained some of the new features on the property appraiser website. One of the new features is a tax estimator to better inform the new owner what their property taxes will be once property is reassessed. He discussed how save your home cap is becoming an issue again as sales prices have rapidly increased. Mike mentioned how an LLC triggers a reset of the assessment cap. Also, he spoke about portability and how divorce doesn't consider portability. He touched on some legislation issues that will be on our ballots. All in all, it was a very informative meeting.

New Members and Guests – Welcome to our members and guests.

Birthday Greetings - Happy Birthday to all August Birthdays.

Education – Please contact Kim Cooke or Ben Friedlander with suggestions for our September meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Barry Beote, Treasurer, balance is \$2091.90.

Minutes – Debbie Kampel, Secretary, will email out the minutes. Thank you Joyce Smith for filling in while Debbie was on vacation.

Announcements – Kim Cooke mentioned that the IREP website needs to be updated and bylaws need to be reviewed again.

Pitch – Yoko Bagus, Mar-Key Property Services –Condo at Imperial Cove., Barbara Willingham, Charles Rutenberg, 2201 15th Ave. N., Beth Snyder, RMS Elite Properties, 1110 Highland Ave. S.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 10:10AM

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday**, September 12th and our guest speaker will be Ben Diamond.