

Macomb Assessors Organization

February 14, 2023

Bravado Banquet Hall (Clinton Township)

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at: 1:00 pm by President Jessica Holden.

Officers Present

In Attendance: Jessica Holden (President), Sandy Birkenshaw (Treasurer), Joe Maniaci (Secretary), Kristen Sieloff (Trustee) and Kimberly Wieczorek (Past President).

Excused: Heather Schroeder (Vice-President) and Jennifer Czeiszperger (Trustee).

Minutes

The minutes from the November 21, 2022 meeting were approved with a motion from Teri Socia and seconded by Emma Germain. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sandy Birkenshaw presented the Treasurer's report. A motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented, was made by Jeanette Makowiec and supported by Mary McKeon. Motion passed.

Balances

General Fund: \$1,747.36

Education Fund: \$6,653.75

Total: \$8,401.11

Introductions

Jamie Barra introduced Amber Dickinson-Janssens as the incoming Assessor for the City of Memphis, and Laurie Morrison from Shelby Township introduced new employee Aliyah Whitelaw.

Guest Speakers

Our Speaker was Jennifer Walker (along with Colleen Baumgarden); both from the Macomb County Register of Deeds office. Discussion included the Search Index Project and the Property Spine program which 'washes' data which is then placed into the correct fields. Although recordings have been down this year; she also touched on the available (Title) Fraud Guard availability through Macomb County. Additionally, Jennifer reminded the group of "Daniel's Law" which was enacted in response to the tragic death of Daniel Anderl, the son of Judge Esther Salas and Mark Anderl. The law prohibits

disclosure of the residential addresses of certain persons covered by the law on websites controlled by state, county, and local government agencies. The community of Covered Persons includes former, active, and retired judicial officers, prosecutors, and members of law enforcement and their immediate family members residing in the same household.

Equalization Update:

Director Kristen Sieloff updated the group on standardization and calculation issues with the reports received so far, and also requested the ones which haven't been submitted yet. She also mentioned the toggle option to correct reports. Top Taxpayers survey info was received by most units; but not all. This information is required to complete the list for comparison purposes of the 900 + parcels. Hopefully audits will be completed within the next week or so, as Jeanette continues to work on them.

Education Update:

David Kirwin (now with Pivot Point) is currently developing a class (with continued education credit) to offer MAO members. We'll hear more about this in the near future.

Legislative & New Business:

MAA President Jim Elrod talked about how the MAA is more than education. Its purpose is to monitor legislation within the industry. A new curriculum is being worked on to provide refresher classes to help with newer employees coming into the industry. He also indicated that the MAA Fall School/Conference will be held at Tree Tops August 13th – 16th in Gaylord. This is an opportunity to attend classes (up to 16 credit hours) and network with other people within the State. All this fun includes breakfasts, lunches, banquets and golf.

Old Business & Upcoming Nominations:

The annual golf outing is coming up in June, and discussion still continues whether to hold it along with the SE chapter or not. Also, the golf course is still unknown at this time. April 2023 brings new MAO officer nominations for the new administrative year. Please bring nominations for Vice-President, Secretary, and Trustee positions to the next meeting.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patty Rappuhn and seconded by Teri Socia. President Jessica Holden adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm

Submitted by

Joe Maniaci, Secretary