

## **Home Buyers Round Table Board Minutes – May 11, 2017**

In attendance: Ann Raschein, Rebecca Wiese, Jenna Wuthrich, Sid Boersma, Tony Gates, Mike Daniels, Laura Stanfield, Kate Sullivan, and Dave Clem

10:35 Call to order

**Minutes** – No meeting in April- No minutes to approve

- March meeting minutes and April Treasurer's Report were approved unanimously via email vote on 4/11/17

**Treasurer's report** –

Ann provided Net Worth and Income Statement.

Sid motioned, Laura seconded, approval of Treasurer's reports.

**Discussion of payment request from Project Home (PH) for interpreter fees incurred for HBE classes in 2016.-**

Detailed explanation of interpreters that were needed (sign language), how service providers were selected by PH, and invoices from interpreters received from Dawn Nelson at PH. Review of HBRT HBE MOU from 2016 revealed that HBRT is responsible for payment of any required interpreter fees. Since PH already paid out the interpreter fees, they are asking HBRT to reimburse PH. During discussion, it was noted that this was the highest amount HBRT has had to pay for interpreter fees, however, the services provided (sign language) fit within HBRT's mission and there is really no way to have guessed that we would have had these fees. There have been many years in the past where no interpreter fees had to be paid out.

Sid motioned to have payment for sign language services provided at 2016 HBE classes reimbursed to Project Home, Ann seconded, approval of motion. Treasurer instructed to issue payment to Project Home.

**Further discussion was had regarding HBRT providing interpreter services for foreign languages.-**

Majority of the Board agreed that our position at this time is that we will only provide sign language services and not provide foreign language services.

Sid motioned that HBRT's official position for interpreters provided for HBE classes going forward will only be for sign language (ASL) and that HBRT will not provide interpreter services for any other requests (ex: foreign language). Furthermore, HBRT's position for requests for foreign language interpreters will be to refer the requestor to online home buyer education services (ex: FrameWork or eHomeAmerica) or GreenPath Debt Services for "in person" counseling, Dave seconded, approval of motion.

**Adjourned 11:20-** Sid motioned, Ann seconded, motion approved