

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2007

MINUTES OF MEETING: Attached are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Council for the month of October 2007. These Minutes have yet to be approved by the Executive Council and will be submitted to the Executive Council at its next meeting.

RETIREMENT: The Honorable Douglas McDonald retired on November 6, 2007. The reception held at the Radisson was a great event and he has sent a written note of thanks to the Association. Everyone wishes Judge McDonald the very best. He will be a Senior Judge, and therefore, we will continue to see him throughout the year.

CONGRATULATIONS: The Honorable Kyle D. Williamson was sworn in as the new Associate District Court Judge on November 6, 2007. It was a very nice event and a reception followed. Judge Williamson made some very kind remarks and it was a very nice event.

DECREE FILING FEES: The Clerk's office is having problems with collecting the decree fee when final dissolutions are filed. Attorneys forget to bring money; a case is taken under advisement, etc. Section 602.8105 states the Clerk of Court shall collect a fee of fifty dollars for entering a final decree of dissolution.

From 1/06 to 9/07 the Clerk's office has 103 cases totaling a cost of 4,375. This is unpaid and still due, thus they will be contacting you to request payment. If you are notified please take action with this issue immediately. They are trying to avoid bringing this to the Presiding Judge's attention.

CONTRIBUTION: The checks from the fundraising of our Association were delivered to HELP. A very nice thank you note was received from Janelle Swanberg.

WEBPAGE: Anyone having any interest in additions or deletions from the webpage should contact Steve Wing at 323-3000. Attempts are being made to consider publishing the daily schedule in the District Court.

POKER NIGHT: Your Association is again considering a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament in February 2008. Anyone interested should contact Pete Thill at 326-4491.

LAWYERS FILES: Terri (Willits) Wiebenga has closed her law practice and is moving to the Chicago area. She would like to thank the bar, bench and courthouse staff for 24 years of support and friendship. Her legal files are in the possession of Lauren Phelps.

CLE: The Last Chance Seminar has been scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2007, at the RiverCenter. A registration form with more detailed information will be forthcoming. Questions may be directed to Christopher Curran at 333-6649.

HELP ANNOUCEMENT: HELP is very pleased to announce that Catherine P. Alexander has joined the office as a staff attorney. Catherine received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Grinnell College and her J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law. Catherine was previously engaged in private practice in the Seventh Judicial District of Iowa.

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Any member having any comments may contact the President or an Executive Council member for comments on any matters. Further, any member may request a reservation at the monthly meeting for a presentation to the Executive Council by contacting the President.

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

October 30, 2007

Present: Jacobs, Howell, DeLange, Parker, Cervantes, Wonio, Gieck, Thill, Jasper

The meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Front Street Bar & Grill and was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Parker.

Guests: Judge Greve, Dane

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of September 25, 2007, were unanimously approved without amendment.

Jacobs presented the list of previous members who have not paid their dues for the year. Parker had an email to each individual requesting payment of same. Parker will send out one last request notifying those failing to pay their dues will be removed from the Bar Association membership roles.

The reception for Judge McDonald was a huge success. A very nice thank you note was received from Judge McDonald. He will be a Senior Judge in Associate Court in Scott County.

The Mock Trials will be held on November 3, 2007. Manternach is in charge and Gieck was informed she had sufficient volunteers for Judges.

HELP Legal Assistance was given the checks previously submitted last month and a very nice thank you note was received from Janelle Swanberg. It was also noted Catherine P. Alexander is no longer in private practice and will be a staff attorney at HELP Legal Assistance.

The web page was discussed and the potential of having the daily court schedule. Steve Wing publishes the weekly schedule, but the Court Administrators has apparently indicated it was too involved to produce the daily schedule. Wing will be consulted to see if it will be something he could do and whether or not the Court Administrator will provide the daily schedule.

The ceremony to swear on newly appointed Associate District Court Judge Kyle Williamson is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to expend up to \$350 for same.

Dane was present and suggested additional ways to raise money for HELP. Gieck volunteered to be on the committee. It was suggested the social gathering be scheduled for after the Patricia Rhodes CLE at a cost to the Association. Further information will be forthcoming.

On November 8, 2007, there will be a meeting with the Presidents of the Bar Associations and Judge Alpers. No one had any information to relay to Parker to present to Judge Alpers.

Three names were submitted of individuals from Scott County were submitted to Parker for the purposes of record check for them to sit for the bar exam. The names of the three applicants were forwarded to Molyneaux for investigation.

Thill indicated the Texas Hold 'Em Tournament will again be scheduled for sometime in February and more information will be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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