

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2009

MINUTES OF MEETING: Attached are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Council for the month of February 2009. These Minutes have yet to be approved by the Executive Council and will be submitted to the Executive Council at its next meeting.

JUDGES' RECEPTION: The Judges' Reception is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Radisson Quad City Plaza in downtown Davenport. All Scott County Bar Association members are encouraged to attend, as well as the Judges in the Seventh Judicial District. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Meeting of the Scott County Bar Association will be held on THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in one of the large courtrooms on the third floor of the Scott County Courthouse. Please be in attendance.

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE: Chief Local Public Defender Phil Ramirez has announced his office will be handling all Class A, B, C and D felonies for indigent defendants in Scott County. His office will also continue to handle all Class A and Class B felonies throughout our District. Currently Ramirez indicates they will be representing individuals for OWI Third Offense, however, that has not been finalized.

FURLOUGH DAYS: The Iowa Supreme Court issued an Order requiring all court offices, including Clerk of District Court Offices and the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court to be closed for seven days before the end of the current fiscal year on June 30, 2009. It has just been announced, all court staff will take unpaid leave on March 20, April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, June 5 and June 19, 2009. The Order also reduces the public hours of all offices of the Clerk of District Court. Clerks' offices will be closed to the public on Tuesdays and Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to closing.

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER NIGHT: The Texas Hold'em Poker tournament was held at the Davenport Country Club with 23 players participating. It was a large fundraiser for HELP. Congratulations to Cathy Cartee as the winner this year.

COPY PAPER: The financial situation of the Judicial Branch requires the local lawyers to provide copy paper for the copy machine in the Court Administrator's Office used by lawyers. Everyone is encouraged to bring a ream of paper on occasion if they use that machine so it can continually be utilized by our membership.

MEMORIALS: Any individual knowing of any attorney that passed away in the last year should notify Gary Koos for the preparation of the "Memorial". Please provide the name and address of the next of kin to receive the Memorial.

GRANTS: The annual four grants of \$500 each will be made in the next several months. Any student from Scott County attending an accredited law school is eligible. A preference will be given to grandchildren, children, or spouses or any member of the Scott County Bar Association for a first time award. Anyone knowing any law student at an accredited law school should notify Vince Motto at 322-7195 by April 15, 2009.

LAW DAY: The Law Day Luncheon will be held in Iowa this year sometime near May 1, 2009. The scheduling will be set by Catherine Hult. More information will be forthcoming and everyone is encouraged to attend.

NEED HELP?: Problems with alcohol, drugs, stress or depression? Call Iowa Lawyers Assistance Program at 1-800-243-1533. All calls are confidential.

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.

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

February 24, 2009

Present: Thill, Larson, DeLange, Jacobs, Gieck, Parker, Berger, Syverud, Jones, Dusthimer, Halligan, Jasper

Guest: V. Motto

The meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Front Street Brewery and was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President DeLange.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of January 27, 2009, were unanimously approved without amendment.

Jacobs presented the Treasurer's Report and although we are in the black we still owe expenses for the CLE with the remaining amount to be donated to HELP Legal Assistance. We also have the debt for the Quad City Flames event to be paid.

Commencing March 1, 2009, indigents for all felonies, other than possibly Associate Court, shall be represented by the Public Defender in Scott County. Of course, there will be conflicts and it is possible they will be taking the OWI Third Offenses that are held in Associate Court.

The Texas Hold'em Poker night had 23 players and several observers. The total income was \$2,145 with costs of \$801.14. Congratulations to the winner, Cathy Cartee.

Due to the cutbacks in all of the judicial branches everyone is requested to occasionally provide a ream of paper to the Court Administrator's Office on the second floor for the copy machine of the lawyers. Everyone should be encouraged to provide this paper so we have this accessible to our membership.

Anyone having any information concerning an attorney passing away in the last year should notify Gary Koos for his preparation of a "Memorial" to the lawyer at the next annual meeting. Please also provide the name and address of the person the Memorial is to be sent after the meeting.

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V. Motto appeared and indicated this is the 27th year for the four separate grants of \$500 each to law students in any accredited law school that are connected with Scott County. Motto will contact the Deans at Drake and Iowa Law Schools. He will also advertise it in the newspaper and it should be placed in the newsletter. All applicants must have their written statement to V. Motto no later than April 15, 2009.

The reception for the Judges will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2009, at the Radisson in downtown Davenport from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All Scott County Bar Association members are encouraged to attend. There is no cost to the membership.

Howell is the chairperson of the Barrister Ball Committee and indicates the Barrister Ball will be held on May 9, 2009, at the Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf, Iowa. All are encouraged to attend. More information will be forthcoming.

The Annual Meeting of the Bar Association shall be held on May 21, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in one of the large courtrooms on the third floor of the Scott County Courthouse. Please plan on being in attendance.

Mock trials will be held on March 7, 2009, with the chairperson being Ian Russell.

Cathy Hult is in charge of Law Day that is held on or about May 1 of each year and this year the event will be held in Scott County. Everyone is encouraged to attend. More information will be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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