

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2008

MINUTES OF MEETING: Attached are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Council for the month of January 2008. These Minutes have yet to be approved by the Executive Council and will be submitted to the Executive Council at its next meeting.

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT: The Third Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament is scheduled for February 23, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Davenport Country Club. The entry fee is \$50 and all members and their spouses, as well as courthouse staff may participate. Those who wish to attend, but not play poker can do so for \$10. This has many different prizes, including two tickets to any destination Air Tran provides service. Anyone interested should contact Thill at 326-4491 or pjt@bettylawfirm.com.

ENTRANCE TO COURTHOUSE: Dave Treimer is meeting with the Security Committee for the Scott County Courthouse attempting to receive security passes for lawyers into the Courthouse through the employee's entrance. He also is addressing other concerns with regard to the jail itself, which include the long wait, the inability to use your cell phones in the jail and limited times of entry. Anyone with any concerns should contact Treimer at 323-7889.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BAR RESOLUTION: Your Scott County Bar Association has adopted a new Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

1-29-08

The Scott County Bar Association endorses the HELP Partners program, which is established to promote support of HELP Legal Assistance through the Scott County Bar.

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TRIAL SETTING CONFERENCES: Trial Setting Conferences are now being held in the multi-purpose/conference room on the second floor of the Scott County Courthouse. This room is located on the west end and signs have been posted.

REAPPOINTMENT: Gary Lane and Matt Leddin were reappointed to the Board of Directors of HELP Legal Assistance.

THANK YOU: The Pro Bono Project of the Scott County Bar Association and HELP Legal Assistance wishes to thank the following attorneys who have recently accepted Pro Bono Referrals:

Jack Darland	Jack Harris	Hany Khoury
Daniel Kresowik	Drew Larson	Michael McCarthy
William McCullough	Robert Meyer	David Millage
Maggie Moeller	Amanda Richards	Rex Ridenour
Rebecca Ruggero	Douglas Scovil	Robert Tappa
David Treimer	Joel Walker	Wendy Weiskircher
Stanley, Lane and Hunter (2)	Doug Wells	Mike Woods
George Goebel	Stacey Hall	Derek Jones
Doug Linstrom	Mike Meloy	Wendy Meyer
Thomas Pastrnak	Ben Patterson	Diane Puthoff
Ian Russell	Lane and Waterman (6 referrals)	

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS:

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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

January 29, 2008

Present: Gieck, Dusthimer, Parker, Halligan, Jacobs, DeLange, Howell, Hofmann, Thill, Wallace, Cervantes, Jones, Jasper

The meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Front Street Bar & Grill and was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President Parker.

Guests: Dane, Lane and Treimer

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of November 27, 2007, were unanimously approved without amendment.

Jacobs reports our income has exceeded our expenses for the calendar year.

Pete Thill reports Poker Night will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2008, at the Davenport Country Club. All those interested should contact Pete Thill for attendance. One does not have to be a participant in the poker game itself. Thill has many commitments from retailers, which include two tickets to any destination Air Tran provides air service. This should be placed in the Newsletter.

Dane was in attendance to report concerning the Patricia Rhodes Cepican Series CLE. There was good attendance on January 21, 2008. Wells Fargo has been providing the room, parking and refreshments at no cost.

During the month of December, Parker was contacted by HELP indicating they needed the immediate reappointment of Gary Lane and Matt Leddin to the Board of Directors. This was confirmed by email disseminated by Parker. It was again moved, seconded and unanimously approved the reappointment of Gary Lane and Matt Leddin to the Board of Directors to HELP Legal Assistance.

There is a copier in the Court Administrator's Office to be used by lawyers. This has been provided by Court Administrator and everyone should thank them for same. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to spend up to \$25 for a stapler, staple remover, post-its and any other little items that might be needed for every day use.

Treimer was present and reported the Judicial Criminal Law Committee met and approximately 15 people attended a meeting on Monday, January 28, 2008. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the new jail and the procedures being utilized. Treimer will be presenting a written report that he estimates to be approximately three pages, but he did want to provide a brief explanation of the discussions:

1. They have suggested the outside desk handle the registration and providing the name tag.
2. The front desk officer has too many duties and she/he cannot attend to having lawyers immediately enter into the jail.
3. The request that the lawyers would be allowed to utilize their cell phones in the jail.
4. Pass cards for lawyers to enter the building in the employee's entrance. It was the general consensus this would probably not occur and there is very little support other than from the two lawyers present.
5. There was a concern that there are limited hours of contact for lawyers to visit with their client.

Treimer will be providing a more detailed written statement.

Gary Lane and Jack Dane were present to request a resolution for the Bar Association for contributions for HELP Legal Assistance. There were several changes that were voted on by the Executive Council. It was moved, seconded and approved the following resolution would be adopted by the Scott County Bar Association for dissemination to the membership:

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Parker indicated he invited Sheriff Conner to be in attendance, but he was unable to attend. Parker indicated that it was unlikely that badges or cards would be provided to lawyers so they could enter the Courthouse through the employee's entrance. It is the general consensus of the security committee that things are getting better over time.

The Barrister Ball will be held on May 3, 2008, at the Figge Art Center commencing at 5:00 p.m. Everyone should mark this on their calendar and be in attendance.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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