

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

March 25, 2014

Present: Kaplan, Leddin, Patterson, Berger, Tappa, Ripley, Manternach, Gorsline, Motto, Copell, Jasper

Guests: Judge N. Tabor; A. Newman

The meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Front Street Brewery and was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Motto.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of February 25, 2014, were unanimously approved without amendment.

Jacobs provided Motto with an accounting to date of our Association. The expenses have exceeded our income by over \$5,000 this year. Dues will be forthcoming and will hopefully offset this loss.

There was a discussion for scheduling the Annual Bar Meeting. Leddin had requested several estimates for costs to have the Annual Meeting at another location. There were costs ranging from \$10 to \$20 per person with a cost of the room of \$200 to \$500. It was the general consensus this has not been successful in the past to increase attendance. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to have the meeting on May 22, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. Our meeting will be held in one of the large courtrooms on the third floor of the Scott County Courthouse. HyVee will cater lunch immediately following the meeting. This will consist of a meat and cheese platter; breads; condiments; relish trays; cookies; and soft drinks. This matter has been referred to the Social Committee.

Motto received requests from the US District Court concerning a reception for newly appointed Magistrate Helen Adams. After a discussion Motto is to secure more information to determine the venue, the type of reception and general information. It was the general consensus we may contribute \$250 to \$500. There was also a request concerning the reception for the retirement of current Magistrate Thomas Shields. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to provide our mailing list for the US Courts to invite members of our Association. No further information was available.

A. Newman was present for request for a funding of the spring function for the Young Lawyers Committee. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to contribute up to \$400 for such an event to be determined by the Committee.

Jasper requested the consensus to fund the Night at the Ballpark. Everyone agreed this is one of our better events resulting in the most attendance. It was generally thought the event would be in late June before it becomes too hot and on a Thursday. It should not be scheduled too early to avoid any school night because of all the snow days. This was referred to the Social Committee for quotes and scheduling.

Judge Nancy Tabor was present as Administrative Judge for this month. It was the general consensus this tradition had faded in the past, but the Administrative Judge is invited and welcome to join the Executive Council meeting on the last Tuesday of each month (none in December as we do not have a meeting). Judge Tabor reported as follows:

1. The District 7 Judges are meeting to formulate a scheduling practice for Post conviction Relief Petitions. More attorneys are needed to represent applicants and should notify the Court Administrator to be placed on the court appointed list.
2. EDMS is coming this fall. Hopefully, there will be forms that will be utilized in EDMS that will be imprinted forms where people can acclimate themselves to the new system and forms.
3. There are difficulties in the number of continuances in civil matters believed to cause delays in the scheduling system.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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