

# SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

August 25, 2015

Present: Jacobs, Sommers, Patterson, Tappa, Aitken, Copell, Berger, Walker, Kaplan, McElyea, Furlong, Russell, Jasper

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 Patterson.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of June 30, 2015, were unanimously approved without amendment. There were no formal minutes for the month of July as there was not a quorum.

Jacobs presented a Treasurer's Report. We have a positive amount for the year and we are in the process of collecting dues. Everyone is encouraged to pay their dues at this time. Patterson is to contact the membership to encourage all to pay their dues and Jasper will place same in the Newsletter.

Patterson reported the State Bench/Bar Conference in Davenport was discussed. The quote they had for a motel room for one night at the Blackhawk was \$159. Last year in Dubuque the participants paid \$99 for a room. The Figge Art Center for a meeting would be \$1,500. More investigation will be conducted to secure lower rates.

The spending of any surplus in our account was tabled and no further action is scheduled to be taken at this time.

Patterson and Russell reported on the Board of Governor's meeting. The State budget was approved, however, without any increases for the judiciary. If this status quo remains there may have to be furloughs or other measures taken. They also discussed the Courthouse restoration and Courthouse security among other items.

Berger was present and reported the Golf Outing will be held on September 24, 2015. It will be at Palmer Hills Golf Course in Bettendorf. The first 100 members who sign up for dinner will receive a free dinner paid by your Association. Everyone is encouraged to plan on being in attendance. This will be placed in the Newsletter and for more information contact S. Berger at [steven.berger@scottcountyiowa](mailto:steven.berger@scottcountyiowa).

Jacobs suggested we have another benefit for our members by hosting a Night with the Mallards. We have done this in the past and would be somewhat similar to Night at the Ballpark. It was suggested the best time for this would be either in October or January due to other commitments and the season is from October 16, 2015, to April 9, 2016. The matter was referred to the Social Committee and it was considered we may supplement the cost of same as we did for the Night at the Ballpark. The matter is referred to L. Jasper as Social Committee Chair for her to report back to the Executive Council.

Jasper reported the Annual Picnic was a great success, however, he wished more people would be in attendance. There were not very many lawyers in attendance, but many clerks were there with their families. It was a great time and the weather was perfect. Everyone should consider coming to this event as the swimming is great and there is good camaraderie.

The Barrister Ball will most likely be held in March or April of 2016 at the Blackhawk Hotel. Again, your Executive Council is considering subsidizing the cost in an attempt to have more in attendance.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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