

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

September 2016

MINUTES OF MEETING: Attached are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Council for the month of August 2016. These Minutes have yet to be approved by the Executive Council and will be submitted to the Executive Council at its next meeting.

DUES: Your Scott County Bar Association dues are payable at this time. Please remit same to Steve Jacobs at 1900 E. 54th Street, Davenport, Iowa 52807.

SCOTT COUNTY TAXES: The 2015 real estate taxes have now been certified.

FALL GOLF OUTING: The Fall Golf Outing is on Thursday, September 8, 2016, at Palmer Hills Golf Course in Bettendorf and everyone should mark their calendars. The first 100 bar members to register will receive a free dinner. After golf, an informal social hour and buffet dinner inside the Palmer Hills Grill will be available to participants and non participants. Golfers are to contact Berger at steven.berger@scottcountyiowa.com. Those not golfing are welcome to attend the dinner afterward. A separate email was sent out to the members.

CHANGES: Everyone should provide any changes in your address, telephone, e-mail or other information to Wing at spwing@iabar.org so current information can be used on the website. One must also notify Brian McKenrick at 328-4145.

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

August 30, 2016

Present: Kaplan, Boesen, Sommers, Corbin, Samuelson, McElyea, Aitken, Copell, Furlong, Walker, Olsen, Jasper

Guests: Chief Judge Marlita A. Greve, Wing, Halligan, Marquard, Gorham

The meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Front Street Brewery and was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President Kaplan.

Chief Judge Greve and the other guests were welcomed to our meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of July 26, 2016, were unanimously approved without amendment.

There was no report from the Treasurer and Jacobs was not present.

Aitken reports he did not receive an adequate response to our offer to sponsor YMCA camperships. The matter was tabled and no further action was anticipated.

Jacobs was not present to provide anything regarding the tickets to I Wireless for Ice Age.

Furlong was present requesting our thoughts concerning the Barrister Ball. Last year our Association contributed \$5,700 by supplementing each of the tickets by \$50; this subsidy was again suggested. Another suggestion was to have new members under five years in practice pay \$25 per ticket in an attempt to try to encourage people that have not attended in the past as well as introduce our youngest members to this event. The matter was tabled and more discussion will follow.

Marquard and Gorham were present to request funding for social events for the Women's Committee of our Association. It was discussed the Scott County Bar Association is the financial sponsor although Rock Island bar members are invited. Generally speaking, for most events there is a surplus that is then repaid to our Treasury. This creates a positive cash flow and then helps subsidize the social events where there is no cost to the membership. This event will either occur the last Thursday in September or the first Thursday in October at Grape Life. It was therefore moved, seconded and unanimously approved to expend up to \$500 for the event of the Women's Committee of our Association.

Walker requested funding for the Adoption Day event at the Scott County Courthouse. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to contribute \$250 for expenditures for this event.

The issue of providing a listserv was addressed by Wing. He said our listserv has been operational and there are only 18 members that have opted into this link. This is available and any member interested can opt into the link at <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/scott-county-bar-association?hl=en>.

Halligan was present as our representative to the Security Commission established for the Scott County Courthouse. It was suggested a system could allow lawyers to secure a separate security pass as in Rock Island. Judge Greve then indicated there would not be any such badge as they are moving for total security which would include even the Judges as well as all Court employees to actually be subject to the metal detector. The cost of security is paid for by the County and there have been strong recommendations from the Sheriff's Department to have everyone enter through the metal detector. The concern would be someone being authorized to inadvertently bring in some type of an object that can be used as a weapon and then a person within the building take it and cause a security issue.

Kaplan reported the meeting of the Presidents of the Bar Associations of our District and Judge Greve discussed several items. There are travel restrictions for the Judges; the issue of judicial retention; subjects that might be at the Lunch and Learn provided by other attorneys and individuals across the state; and the remodeling of the Scott County Courthouse.

Chief Judge Greve indicated there is going to be a time study for Judges, clerks and employees of the Courthouse from September 12, 2016, through October 7, 2016. This is intended to provide a better understanding of the needs and time expended by the different employees.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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