

## ***SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER***

*SEPTEMBER 2017*

**MINUTES:** Attached are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Council for the month of August 2017. These Minutes have yet to be approved by the Executive Council and will be submitted to the Executive Council at its next meeting.

**ORAL ARGUMENTS:** The oral arguments of the Supreme Court will be conducted at Central High School on October 12, 2017. There will be a social hour prior to the event and a reception afterwards. Everyone should plan on being in attendance.

**DISNEY ON ICE:** Disney on Ice is returning to the I Wireless Center on Thursday, November 30, 2017. Tickets are \$17 each and your Bar Association is selling the tickets for \$7 each. All members, spouses, significant others, children and grandchildren, Courthouse staff and their families, children and grandchildren are welcome. In addition, members can purchase two additional tickets at a cost of \$12 each so friends of your children can attend. All tickets purchased must be reserved and paid for prior to November 12, 2017. This year will also include a presentation of Frozen. You can contact Jacobs at 326-4491 or [SHJ@bettylawfirm.com](mailto:SHJ@bettylawfirm.com) for additional information.

**FALL GOLF OUTING:** The Fall Golf Outing has again been approved by our Association with the first 100 members to register to receive a free dinner. The event is planned for Thursday, September 7, 2017, at Palmer Hills Golf Course in Bettendorf. More information will be provided in the near future. Any suggestions or for further information contact Berger at [steven.berger@scottcountyowa](mailto:steven.berger@scottcountyowa)

**OUR WEBSITE:** If anyone has any interest they should contact S. Jacobs concerning the update and expansion of our webpage. You can contact Jacobs at [SHJ@bettylawfirm.com](mailto:SHJ@bettylawfirm.com) for additional information.

**IDEAS NEEDED:** Anyone with any ideas for any social events or projects that might be sponsored by the Scott County Bar should be submitted to President Olsen at [jenn@jenniferolsenlaw.com](mailto:jenn@jenniferolsenlaw.com). Niabi Zoo, Putnam Museum and a bus trip to a Cubs game are a few suggestions. There was a suggestion we try to schedule things early in the year so people can place dates on their calendars months in advance.

**CHANGES:** Everyone should provide any changes in your address, telephone, e-mail or other information to Wing at [spwing@iabar.org](mailto: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 29, 2017

Present: Jacobs, Furlong, Olsen, McElyea, Aitken, Corbin, Walker, Trowers, Wilson, Jasper

Guest: The Honorable Thomas G. Reidel

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 Olsen.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of July 25, 2017, were unanimously approved without amendment.

Jacobs presented the report of the treasurer. He provided a list of those members not paying their dues, which represents about \$6,000 to \$7,000. Letters will be going out requesting payment of same and will then be followed up by Olsen.

Again, there was a discussion concerning the Judge's portraits. It was suggested we might be able to utilize the services of the same photographer used by Judge Lawson in Maquoketa. Judge Reidel has not had his portrait taken as of this date. The payment for the portrait of Judge Lawson was completed.

The oral arguments before the Supreme Court will be at the Central High School in Davenport on October 12, 2017. The Justices will be staying at the Black Hawk Hotel. It has been suggested we host a dinner/social hour before the oral argument and a reception afterwards. The Justices will be transported to Central High School at approximately 6:30 p.m. Difference venues have been suggested for the first event, which could possibly be at Figge's or Me and Billy's. Hors d'oeuvre would be provided and there would be an open bar. After the oral arguments it was suggested we just have it in the lobby of the auditorium, but we will need to have the consent of Central High School. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to have the event catered by HyVee or some similar organization with cookies and coffee for approximately 250 people.

The Barrister Ball was briefly discussed and everyone concurred it has not been a big fundraiser. Alternatives are being considered.

The upgrade of the website is being considered. The two organizations are [www.starchaper.com](http://www.starchaper.com) and [www.clubexpress.com](http://www.clubexpress.com), which provide additional features for our website. People are to consider same and also at the next meeting we will determine if a

committee needs to be appointed. The cost is approximately \$900 to implement the program and then \$100 to \$130 per month thereafter.

Judge Reidel reminded everyone Macek had left the bench for private practice and Mark Smith is retiring in November; Judge Smith will remain a Senior Judge. New members on the commission for the appointment of District Court Judges are Andrea Mason and Steve Kahler of Maquoketa. It is anticipated applications for one Judge position will be open shortly.

Everyone is to consider any community projects we might support in the name of our Bar Association.

Disney on Ice is returning to the I Wireless Center on November 30, 2017. Jacobs had reserved up to 250 tickets at a cost of \$17 per ticket. (He quickly added he could cancel if there was no approval by the Council.) Discussion was held and it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved the \$17 ticket would result in each member, spouses, significant others, children and grandchildren could buy tickets for \$7 each and the Association would pay for the remainder. Each person ordering tickets could also purchase two additional tickets at \$12 each for non-members for the children to bring friends. The deadline to purchase these tickets will be November 12, 2017, and the contact person would be Jacobs.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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