

## **SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

*OCTOBER 2017*

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

**CLE:** The “Sexual Abuse Civil Orders of Protection” is being presented by Family Resources and SafePath for Lunch and Learn on October 20, 2017, at the Davenport Police Department Community Room commencing at 11:45 a.m. This has been approved for 1 hour of CLE. Lunch is being sponsored by SPECS and will be catered by Biaggi’s. Admission is free. Contact Nikki E. at [nikkie@famres.org](mailto:nikkie@famres.org) to reserve your spot. See attached flyer.

**ORAL ARGUMENTS:** The oral arguments of the Supreme Court will be conducted at Central High School at Central High School on 1120 Main Street, Davenport, Iowa on October 12, 2017. There will be a reception preceding the argument at the Figge Art Museum in downtown Davenport from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. One may register at [quadcitieschamber.com](http://quadcitieschamber.com) attend at a cost of \$25. The reception will have appetizers and a cash bar. The oral argument will follow at approximately 7:00 p.m. at Central High School. There will be a social hour prior to the event and a reception afterwards. Everyone should plan on being in attendance.

**JUDICIAL VACANCY:** An opening is to be filled as a District Court Judge of the Seventh Judicial District. Applications can be attained from the Court Administrator’s office at the Scott County Courthouse in Davenport and must be delivered or postmarked no later than Friday, October 20, 2017. Attached is a copy of the notification from Judge Smith.

**DISNEY ON ICE:** Time is running out to get your tickets for Disney 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.

**MEET, MINGLE AND MUNCH:** There will be a lunch gathering for members of the Scott County Bar Association on October 13, 2017, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Happy Joe's on 50<sup>th</sup> Street in Davenport (Jungle Bungle). The buffet is available and the total cost to each member is \$5 due at the door and the remaining cost will be paid by our Association. All members of the Scott County Bar Association are welcome to attend with the first 78 members. R.S.V.P. to Sommers at [jays@happyjoes.com](mailto:jays@happyjoes.com) or Jacobs at [SHJ@bettylawfirm.com](mailto:SHJ@bettylawfirm.com).

**ADOPTION DAY:** The Fourth Annual Adoption Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2017, 10:00 a.m. at the Scott County Courthouse. Anyone interested or having an adoption to conclude should contact Syverud at [esyverud@mediacombb.net](mailto:esyverud@mediacombb.net). It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved for the Scott County Bar Association to contribute \$250 towards this event.

**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.

**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

September 26, 2017

Present: Lyons, Corbin, Olsen, Sommers, Copell, Jacobs, Wilson, Aitken, Furlong, Walker, Trowers, Jasper

Guest: Leddin

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 Olsen.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of August 29, 2017, were unanimously approved without amendment.

Jacobs presented the Treasurer's Report indicating our income exceeds our expenses at this time, however, people are now paying their dues creating this margin. There are 68 members not paying their dues and each is encouraged to do so.

There is a reception for the Iowa Supreme Court where the Scott County Bar Association is co-hosting with the Chamber of Commerce. This event will be held on October 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a reception at the Figge Art Museum at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$25 and payment should be made to the Chamber of Commerce at [quadcitieschamber.com](http://quadcitieschamber.com). Following the reception oral argument will be held at Central High School at 1120 Main Street, Davenport, Iowa. It was moved, seconded and approved to pay for any amount that is not paid for by the \$25 contribution of each attendee. See attached.

The retirement party for Judge Smith will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Radisson in downtown Davenport. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to expend up to \$5,000. Everyone should plan on attending.

Sommers and Jacobs have suggested a Lunch gathering for the membership. It will be held on Friday, October 13, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. at the Happy Joe's on 50<sup>th</sup> Street in Davenport (Jungle Bungle). The buffet is available and the total cost to each member is \$5 due at the door and the remaining cost will be paid by our Association. The first 78 members of the Scott County Bar Association are welcome to attend. R.S.V.P. to Sommers at [jays@happyjoes.com](mailto:jays@happyjoes.com) or Jacobs at [SHJ@bettylawfirm.com](mailto:SHJ@bettylawfirm.com).

There is a Mediation Committee chaired by Judge Reidel attempting to establish a protocol for mediation that was originally intended to be mandatory. At this time it may not be mandatory, however, the planning must continue. There is a concern that mediation in the past has been for forty hours of training at a cost of about \$1,500. Any attorneys interested in becoming mediators or have more information should contact Judge Reidel at [Thomas.Reidel@iowacourts.gov](mailto:Thomas.Reidel@iowacourts.gov) or Olsen at [jenn@jenniferolsenlaw.com](mailto:jenn@jenniferolsenlaw.com).

The fourth annual adoption day at the Courthouse will again be conducted. Anyone having an adoption and would like to participate should contact Syverud at [esyverud@mediacombb.net](mailto:esyverud@mediacombb.net). It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to contribute \$250 to this event.

Leddin attended to encourage our Association to continue with the Barrister Ball. This is a result of the discussions at the last meeting indicating the decrease in attendance. Many ideas were discussed and something new may be tried in the future but the general consensus the Barrister Ball will continue.

The Assignment Judge was unable to attend and no information was received.

Disney on Ice scheduled for November 30, 2017, still has tickets available. Anyone interested should contact Jacobs at [SHJ@bettylawfirm.com](mailto:SHJ@bettylawfirm.com). Tickets will be available only for the next several weeks and everyone should be making plans at this time.

Jacobs requested consideration of the update of our website. He is very complimentary of our current website, but additions could be helpful. An Ad Hoc Committee will be established by Olsen and a recommendation will be made to the Executive Council.

Jacobs suggested evenings for our Association for Arena Football and possibly hockey. Anyone with any interest should contact Jacobs at [SHJ@bettylawfirm.com](mailto:SHJ@bettylawfirm.com).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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