

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.
Chris Coker's Office

Members Present: Larry Jefferson, Megan Card, Leslie Owen, Chris Coker, Terry Church, Bill Pope, Mark Wheeler, John Skinder, Trevor Zandell, Lenny Lucenko

Members Absent: Janet McLanahan Moody, Brent Normoyle

Others Present: Angela Skinder

1. **Call to order** 5:41pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2013 Board meeting** Leslie makes a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2013 board meeting, Bill seconds the motion and the motion passes.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Board Retreat follow up: Report from Larry & Megan on mentors and section chair responsibilities. Larry proposes we solicit for volunteers to be on our mentor list. This list will be posted on our website. The obligation would be to be available for lunch or to talk on the phone with any new/young lawyers that seek out their mentorship. Larry will write his January column on it to start the process. Leslie seconds the motion and the motion passes.
 - 3.2 Local Hero nominations – There were three nominees submitted: Julie K. Carignan, Alex Frix & Chuck Szursweski.
Discussion on candidates based on letters provided. Megan makes the motion for Alex Frix to be this year's Local Hero, Bill seconds the motion and Alex Frix will receive the Local Hero Award from the WSBA at their January BOG luncheon.
 - 3.3 TCVLS board nominations – Stephen Manning and Geoff Arnold were the only two who submitted letters of interest. No discussion needed as there were two board positions available. John makes motion to have Stephen Manning and Geoff Arnold fill the vacant TCVLS board positions for the TCBA, Megan seconds and the motion passes.
 - 3.4 Law Day Chair/topics –TCBA board would like to have the TCBA membership more involved with final round. John will contact Stephen Henderson to see how this might work. Law Day committee will be John and Terry as co-chairs, Leslie, Lenny & Larry. John will look into topics and send email to committee.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Holiday Lunch report – Many said the room felt big and social time felt rushed. Overall it was a successful lunch.
 - 4.2 Adopt-a-Family report/gift card amounts – There were a total of 31 families adopted this year. We collected \$1992 for gift cards. Lenny makes the motion to breakdown the money based on the family size for the gift cards as follows: small family=\$50/each; medium family=\$70; large family=\$90 & 1 8-person family=\$152. John seconds and the motion passes. Administrative Assistant will get gift cards and deliver to Lenny's office.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Terry Church)
 - 5.1 November Financials – Right on pace for the year. Motion made to adopt the November Treasurer's reports by Leslie, John seconds and the motion passes.
 - 5.2 Budget Committee Report – Leslie, Larry, Terry & Angela met to create and go over preliminary budget for 2014. (see attached)

Terry and Leslie go over line items for CLE & Contract Services: conservative approach for CLE's and Contract Services to include Accountant and any computer services needed.
Motion made to adopt preliminary 2014 budget by Leslie, John seconds and the motion passes.

6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Lenny Lucenko) – February CLE will be duplicate from Judge Dixon, looking into possibility for alternative topic from him; March will be Liquor Control Board on marijuana laws; April still being considered, possibly Steve Henderson.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 Bench/Bar (Bill Pope) –nothing to report
 - 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan) – Friday will be Web Presence at Indian Summer
 - 7.3 Newsletter (Angela Skinder) – January 3, 2014 deadline
8. **Section Reports**
 - 8.1 Family Law (Bill Pope) – The Holiday buffet was held on Tuesday, there was no business, just a social event. Patrick Rawnsley will be taking over as the Section Chair.
Larry notes his THANKS to Bill for all of his hard work and dedication of service in Family Law.
 - 8.2 Pro Bono (Leslie Owen) –The new director attended our holiday lunch. TCVLS is moving to the family support center. Larry requests some protocol for being the pro bono chair. Big THANKS to Leslie for her hard work in this role.
 - 8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Card) – Regular lunch meeting was held last Tuesday, there were 12 people in attendance.
Meeting with Angela Traina who works with Army One Source about a free veteran's will clinic. October would be the month to do this. So far there have not been any of these clinics offered on the Westside of the Cascades yet. The question was posed if the TCBA would be willing to participate? Possibility to sponsor one jointly with Pierce County.
Report on the WSBA side of Megan's YL duties- WSBA is funding up to 6 CLE credits for free if a YL is giving back via public service; moderate means program or the will clinics.
 - 8.4 Criminal Defense (?) – The question for who will be the new Chair of this section remains that Paul Strophy is interested and Jim Laukkonen is also interested. Larry will contact them both about the possibility of co-chairing the section. Larry will get them the expectations for this responsibility.
 - 8.5 Land Use Committee (?) – Larry will speak to Martha Wehling about becoming the new Chair of this Section.
9. **Additions to agenda**
10. **Announcements**
11. **Date/location of next meeting:** January 8, 2014, Bill Pope's Office
12. **Adjourn** 6:59pm