

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
Chris Coker's Office

Members Present: Bill Pope, Chris Lanese, Chris Coker, Mark Wheeler, Terry Church, John Skinder, Megan Card, Laura Murphy, Patrick O'Connor

Members Absent: Lenny Lucenko, Janet McClanahan-Moody, Trevor Zandell

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** Terry begins the meeting at 5:32 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2015 Board meeting** Megan moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Chris L. Motion carries without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Increase in food cost at Red Lion for monthly lunchtime CLE's-food costs will rise on March 1, 2016. Motion to raise the fee for the lunch to cover the costs incurred for food. Megan will meet with the Red Lion and give an update.
 - 3.2 Annual Membership Renewal Letter – Terry will draft the letter
 - 3.3 Funds for TCVLS donation – John moves to approve the transfer of money from a CD for the TCVLS donation, seconded by Chris L. Motion carries without objections.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family Update – 31 (118 individuals) families have been adopted so far
 - 4.2 Holiday lunch update – 93 RSVP's so far
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Janet McClanahan Moody) – November 2015 Financial Report – Megan moves to approve the November 2015 Financial reports, seconded by John. Motion carries without objections.
Budget – The Budget committee has met twice and has a proposed a balanced budget. Megan presented the budget.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Megan Card)- There is no CLE in December. The next CLE will be on January 22, 2016 at the Red Lion.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 Bench/Bar (Bill Pope) – Terry will contact Judge Murphy
 - 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan, Chris L.) – Bill is working on a CLE for February 2016. John/Chris-working with Judge Murphy & Judge Price on a CLE; Trial Practice in the Courtroom as a CLE for May.
 - 7.3 Newsletter – expect to be in the mail mid-January.
8. **Section Reports**
 - 8.1 Family Law (Patrick Rawnsley) –Paul Battan is the new Section Chair starting on January 1, 2016. The Section meeting is a potluck on Tuesday, December 8. Eating and merriment.
 - 8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) – Our board passed the Joint Resolution regarding a direct representation program last month, and the board of TCVLS will be taking up the issue at their next board meeting in January.

- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Rue) - We had our monthly lunch meeting and it was well-attended.
- 8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy)-nothing to report
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Committee (Martha Wehling) – I’m actively looking for topics for 2016, with the objective of scheduling lunch “meetings” (with CLE credits) once a quarter. Ideally, each presenter will provide a brief article for the preceding newsletter as well.

Right now we seem to have a slight lull in hot issues for the section, but I expect there will be a decision sometime next year on the gopher litigation filed against Thurston County which will take up one meeting, and probably also some additional progress on the “waters of the United States” litigation.

I was hoping to have an AAG present on DNR’s Aquatic Lands HCP for the first quarter, but I just heard today that they plan to reduce its scope considerably, so I have to rethink whether enough remains to be worth a presentation.

9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 Bigelow Award Form – The Committee, Lenny, John, Laura, Megan, and Mark need to meet to discuss revising the form. Heather will send the committee the current form. John will work on revising it first and send it to the rest of the committee.

10. **Announcements**

Mark Wheeler-His law firm is adding a 13th attorney next week.

- 11. **Date/location of next meeting:** January 13, 2016 at Bill Pope’s office

- 12. **Adjourn** 6:27pm