

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
Meagan Card's Office

Members Present: Trevor Zandell, Terry Church, Laura Murphy, John Skinder, Chris Lanese, Lenny Lucenko, Bill Pope, Mark Wheeler, Megan Card, Janet McClanahan Moody, Chris Coker

Members Absent: Larry Jefferson

Others Absent: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order 5:38 p.m.**
2. **Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2014 Board meeting** Motion made by Laura to approve the minutes from October 8, 2014, Terry seconds the motion and the motion passes.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 **Thurston County Clerk's Candidate Forum Update**

The event was held at the Olympia center and was well attended. The board appreciates the support provided by Washington Women Lawyers and Government Lawyers.
 - 3.2 **Salvation Army Adopt a Family Update**

There are currently 12 participants at this time. The goal is to have the information regarding the families to the participants prior to Black Friday to help with shopping. A short discussion regarding changes to the presentation at the Holiday Luncheon resulted in no changes. The drop off dates for the gifts will be mid December. The board will consider the Red Lion for next year's Holiday Luncheon to allow more participation and avoid calendar conflicts.
 - 3.3 **RSVPing and CLE Space**

Board will get quotes from Red Lion, Tug Boat Annies, and the Olympia Center. Laura to get information and quotes from SPSCC.
 - 3.4 **Local Hero Nomination Update/CLE Schedule**

Still time to send out a call from nominations in January. Terry is working on a schedule for the Luncheon and to work around the CLEs.
 - 3.5 **CLE schedule & location**

Same as 3.3.
 - 3.6 **Certificate of deposit-renewal**

Finished with Heritage Bank
 - 3.7 **Update on Event at Supreme Court on 11/14**

Chris Lanese provided information on *Perspectives on the Bench*, an event at the Supreme Court on November 14th which is co hosted by the Government Lawyers and Washington Women Lawyers. An email will be sent to the members reminding them of the event. Motion made by Chris to reimburse 1/3 of the expenses to Washington Women Lawyers and Terry seconds the motion and the motion passes.
 - 3.8 **Update on the first meeting of The Thurston County Superior Court Historical Preservation Project**

Chris Lanese is the point person from the bar and indicated there is limited participation at this time. There was a discussion regarding a video tape project to interview the Judges and obtain memories and perspectives. Members of the board discussed volunteers in the community who may assist.
 - 3.9 **Adding History Tab to Website**

Chris suggested adding a History Tab to our website and post information as it becomes available through the Historical Preservation Project.
 - 3.10 **2015 Revolving Board Member Meeting Locations**

Chris and Laura both agreed to host Board Meetings in the future.

3.11 Reception for new Judge/Clerk

The board discussed combining a reception for the Court Clerk and Judge Wilson. The reception will occur in January. After a short discussion, Lenny made a motion to provide a combined reception, Chris seconds and the motion passed. The board agreed it is helpful and collegial to include the Government Lawyers and Washington Women Lawyers as co-hosts. We were not able to address funding at this time as the budget has not been prepared for 2015.

4. **Old Business**

No old business.

5. **Treasurer's Report** (Janet McClanahan Moody)

Lenny and Janet were scheduled to meet the week of November 3rd to prepare a budget for 2015 with Heather. However, the meeting has been postponed to the week of November 17th. They have been in contact through email and will have the budget in place as soon as everyone is back in good health.

6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Terry Church)

The CLE in November is titled *The Five Legal Writing Rules You May Have Forgotten Since Law School* and features Professor Laurel Oates from Seattle University. It will be well attended based on the number of RSVPs to date. In the coming months, Terry is working on a Litigation Toolbox which will focus issues facing the practitioner such as motion argument and deposing an expert. At this time he is working with, or considering Judge Murphy, Mike Lynch, and Fred Gentry. Overall the luncheons are going extremely well which is evidenced by the waitlist. Chris raised a concern regarding additional space requirements in the coming New Year.

7. **Committee Reports**

7.1 Bench/Bar (Bill Pope) - The swearing in ceremony for Judge Wilson was well attended. Nothing further.

7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan) - Working on an Evidence CLE and hoping to have University of Washington provide the speaker.

7.3 Newsletter - Came out today.

8. **Section Reports**

8.1 Family Law (Patrick Rawnsley) – Lenny receives the minutes to the meeting every month, Tye Menser has been providing the minutes and Pat Rawnsley is doing a good job of keeping the meetings on track. This section is one of the more active sections and includes the bench.

8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) – Chris explained that TCLV has discussed including an honor roll of their volunteers.

8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Card) – Megan Card is stepping down as section chair. However, Megan Rue is interested in taking over the position. She would be a good fit as she is currently a committee member of the state Young Lawyers and active with the group.

8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy) - There is not a report, short discussion regarding another individual who might be co-chairing, wishful thinking, reminded the board of the need to divide district court and superior court.

8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Committee (Martha Wehling) – Martha provided an email which indicated the CLE offered on October 28th on Land Use was well attended. The CLE addressed the many challenges landlords encounter with new legislation regarding marijuana in addition to ethics in environmental matters.

9. **Additions to agenda**

Lenny will work with Heather to send out an email inviting interested parties to volunteer to chair

any section for the coming year. In addition, Bill Pope suggested we send a Thank You email to those who have been consistent in providing reports and activities for their members.

Fund raiser for Phil Chan was discussed at the Board retreat and there is interest in combining the fundraiser with one of our upcoming events. The board decided to wait until the family has an opportunity to provide input before we move forward.

Thank you to Megan for hosting tonight.

10. **Announcements** - no announcements
11. **Date/location of next meeting:** December 10, 2014, Chris Coker's Office
12. **Adjourn** 6:31 p.m.