

MINUTES OF THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Tacoma Harvester, 29 North Tacoma Avenue

7:15 a.m.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President John Christensen

PRESENT

President:	John Christensen
Vice President:	Matthew Thomas
Secretary-Treasurer:	Kenneth W. Blanford
Immediate Past President:	Dawn Farina
Young Lawyers Section President:	Lindsay Camandona
Trustee:	Wendy E. Zicht
Trustee:	T. Diane Clarkson
Trustee:	Dwayne Christopher
Trustee:	Sophia Palmer
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison:	Judge Cuthbertson
Pierce County Superior Court Judicial Liaison:	Stephanie Ahrend
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison:	Diana L. Kiesel
District Court Liaison:	Judge Margaret V. Ross
Criminal Law Section:	Maureen Goodman
WA Women Lawyers Liaison:	Ingrid McLeod
Collaborative Law Liaison:	Lynn Johnson
Volunteer Legal Services Liaison:	Jason Ruyf
Executive Director:	Kit Kasner

ABSENT

WSBA Liaison, 6 th District:	Keith M. Black
Family Law Section Liaison:	Kevin G. Rundle
Minority Bar Association Liaison:	Sarah Lee
Trustee:	James McCormick
Trustee:	Sara E. Richardson
Tacoma Municipal Court Judicial Liaison:	Judge Elizabeth Verhey

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER MINUTES

Minutes from last meeting where approved.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President's Report – John Christensen

We need potential nominees for the community service awards. These people will be honored at Lincoln Day Benefit.

Vice-President's Report— Matthew H. Thomas

No Report

Secretary-Treasurer's Report– Kenneth W. Blanford

Financial Report given.

Old Business

Moranco & Associate Proposal. Concerns were expressed regarding the costs associated with making copies of the advertisements sent to members. Also there was a discussion regarding the Disclaimer the WSBA uses in their presentation of these materials. The Family law section had concerns regarding receiving excessive emails regarding advertisement for Moranco. The final contract was not provided in this month's materials, so we are tabling this issue until the next meeting.

New Business

No.

Action Items

REPORTS OF THE LIAISONS/COMMITTEES/SECTIONS

Judicial Liaison Superior Court – Judge Cuthbertson

The bench (Superior Court) had a 100% participation with their program for providing food to undernourished children. The Court's long time administrator will be retiring on November 20, 2015. John Ladenburg Sr. (Interim) is going to take over the position. The Court is in the middle of working on its budget. An earmark of \$100,000.00 has been provided for dependency Drug Court. The dependency drug court has an 85% unification rate. The pretrial services program is getting off to a good start. The plan is to lower jail costs.

Judicial Liaison District Court – Judge Ross

Going through the Budget Process. There is a lot of activity on the Civil side. It is believed that as the dollar limits (for civil suits) increase in District Court there will be more filings. Active committee on the Civil side due to the increase in dollar limits for Civil Cases (Judge Dacca is chairing).

Trustee and Section Liaison Reports

Young Lawyers Section – Lindsay Camandona

Photos for the directory (year book) are scheduled for next week. Judicial Skit night is coming up on December 9, 2015.

Family Law Section – Wendy Zicht (Report Given by)

Love Stinks CLE was well attended. Commissioner Kiesel coordinated the event. Board had concerns about the future of CLE's given the Bar's change of live requirements. The Family Law Board talked about donating money to obtain equipment to be able to record CLE's. Section meeting is tomorrow.

Criminal Law Section –Maureen Goodman

Committee is putting together a property release form on Felony cases. This was in response to a new Case regarding forfeitures. District Court asked that the form be sent down to the misdemeanor section.

Diversity Committee – Dwayne Christopher

Diversity committee is looking at volunteer work for the holidays. Going to work for the Rescue Mission (100% of the committee is registered).

Collaborative Law – Lynn Johnson

Training coming up in February at the New Discovery Church. This is the second training they have done. Encouraging anyone interested in Collaborative Law to show up.

Mentorship Committee – Wendy Zicht

Up and running. Slow trickle of mentor and mentee applications. They are monitoring the emails that come in. Lunch meeting this Thursday. Not currently mentoring law students but looking to that in the future.

Other Reports

Washington Women Lawyers – Ingrid McLeod

Annual holiday party is coming on December 15, 2015. Thank you to everyone that came to the TAM event.

Minority Bar Association – Sarah Lee (report given by Diane Clarkson)

Youth and Law Forum coming up on December 4, 2015. Joe Evans just attended Statewide Justice and Gender Conference. This coming Friday (November 20, 2015) they have invited Superior Court Judges to coming and hear what they are doing (Northwest Leadership).

Volunteer - Jason Ruyf

Thanked everyone that went to Pro Bono night. Three clinics kicking off in the next three months.

DV Flee Bags- Dawn Farina

Flee Bags provide necessities that a DV victim would need if they were fleeing from an abusive relationship. Will be delivering on Thursday Morning.

Other Business

Political Signs in the Bar Lounge. Drafted a policy. There are concerns about our non-profit status and endorsing positions or candidates.

Lawyerpalooza - need to make a decision soon as to whether it is going to occur and if so where it will be located.

ADJOURNED