

MINUTES OF THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, February 16, 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

John Christensen	President
Matthew Thomas	Vice President
Kenneth Blanford	Secretary/Treasurer
Dwayne Christopher	Trustee
James McCormick	Trustee
Kevin Rundle	Trustee
Lindsay Camandona	Trustee
Sarah Richardson	Trustee
Wendy Zicht	Trustee
Judge Ronald Culpepper	Judicial Liaison
Judge Stephanie Arend	Judicial Liaison
Commissioner Diana Kiesel	Judicial Liaison Commissioner
Brittany Mahugh	WA Woman Lawyers Liaison
Lynn Johnson	Collaborative Law Liaison
Maureen Goodman	Criminal Law Liaison
Kit Kasner	Executive Director

ABSENT

Dawn Farina	Immediate Past President
Diane Clarkson	Trustee
Sophia Palmer	Trustee
Judge Elizabeth Verhey	Judicial Liaison
Judge Frank Cuthbertson	Judicial Liaison
Keith Black	WSBA Liaison 6 th District
Judge Margaret Ross	Judicial Liaison
Michael Schwartz	Criminal Law Liaison
Sarah Lee	PC Minority Bar Liaison

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY MINUTES

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President's Report – John Christensen

Trustees need to fill out the questionnaire sent by Kit. The questionnaires will be printed in the bar magazine. Need young lawyers update for the bar magazine. Appointment needs to be made to the guardianship committee, any interest should be directed to John Christensen. Do not have final numbers from Lincoln Day banquet. Attendance was good and the evening was a success.

Vice-President's Report— Matthew H. Thomas

Welcomed everyone and is looking forward to working with everyone.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report– Kenneth W. Blanford

Financial Report given. Budget for 2015 based upon previous years. Volunteer contribution for Lawyerpalooza currently contributions are at \$1700.00.

Old Business

None

New Business

Still short several liaisons. John Christensen will make the appointments.

Action Items

None

REPORTS OF THE LIAISONS/COMMITTEES/SECTIONS

Judicial Liaison Superior Court – Judge Ronald Culpepper

Mental health court was discussed. Judge Murphy is in charge of mental health court. Criteria for mental health is being developed. Hoping it will be great success. New judges have been sworn in. Justice center planning committee has met to discuss what will happen with new construction.

Judicial Liaison Municipal Court – Judge Elizabeth Verhey

No report

Trustee and Section Liaison Reports

Young Lawyers Section – Lindsay Camandona

Writing an article for bar news. Planning spring social on March 12, 2015 at Parkway.

Family Law Section – Kevin Rundle

Elections last month. New trustees. CLE on March 20, 2015.

Criminal Law Section – Michael Schwartz/Maureen Goodman

Peter Reich and Heather Straub to be on committee. Sending out surveys to determine what members want. Contemplating having a social event.

Diversity Committee – Dwayne Christopher

Waiting to hear back from CLE committee to do CLE. They are thinking about 3 hours. CLE on diversity in the law. First meeting February 21, 2015.

Collaborative Law – Lynn Johnson

Friend committee report. Collaborative group, State convention is March 5,6,7, open to anyone. This process would be the first step in becoming a collaborative attorney. Goal is to have collaborative law applied to new areas of the law.

Mentorship Committee – Wendy Zicht

Met last week. Only three were able to attend. Moving along. Sending out thank you letters to those that have agreed to be mentors. Working with Kit to put email address together to coordinate mentorship program.

Other Reports

Washington Women Lawyers – Brittany Mahugh

First monthly happy hour was well attended. Next one will be in March. Power of the Purse lunch is March 11, 2015. Hosting WWL annual event at the Tacoma Art Museum. Spring Clean Event has not been scheduled. Please hold on to gently used professional clothes for the event. Also take men's and children's clothes.

Minority Bar Association – Sarah Lee

None.

Other Business

Mini retreat in March. Will be on March 19 or 20. Request that it not be on Friday. Consensus that it should be on March 19 due to availability. Retreat is only for voting members.

Moranco and Associates is planning on coming to the April meeting. They are going to give a pitch. They are insurance brokers. They offer errors and omissions, health, malpractice insurance. They would like to provide insurance to our members. They would be on the Bar website, mailings, ect. In the past there were issues that arose regarding the local bar becoming an insurance broker. Moranco and Associates have since revised the plan. They essentially offer to fund certain events. It is an in kind donation.

There was a report of an attorney bringing a firearm through the metal detectors. As punishment the security card was confiscated from the attorney for one year. Members are going to be required to fill out a document that says they will comply with security rules.

Judge Culpepper expressed concern about individuals video taping open court. There have been people using Google glasses and cell phones to record court proceedings.

Judge Culpepper indicated that there will be a Lawyerpalooza committee meeting tomorrow; they have not picked a date for the event.

ADJOURNED