

28th Judicial District Bar

Buncombe County, NC



Minutes of the September 6, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting

In Attendance:

A quorum was present.

In attendance were: Bill Christy, Holly Stiles, Eileen McMinn, Doug Tate, Ryan Beadle, Alan Coxie, Emily Nenni, Ingrid Friesen, Brad Stark, James Ellis, Tikkun Gottschalk, Mae Creadick, Courtney Booth, Carol Goins and Bar Administrator Lisa-Gaye Hall.

Introductions:

Doug Tate called the meeting to order, and introduced Emily Nenni Secretary of the YLD who is sitting in for Lynn Davis. Mr. Tate also welcomed Carol Goins to the EC.

Minutes & Treasurer's Report:

The August 2011 minutes were reviewed and no changes were made. Ms. McMinn moved to accept the minutes, Mr. Coxie seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Beadle presented the treasurer's report and reviewed the balance and profit and loss sheets with the committee. Mr. Beadle explained that dues notices went out last month. About 15 so far have paid using our new PayPal account on the 28th JDB website. Mr. Christy moved to accept the treasurer's report, Mr. Coxie seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

Mr. Beadle passed around a list of members who have not yet paid their bar dues for 2010 and have been invoiced 3 times. Members of the EC signed up to contact members to encourage them to pay their dues. Ms. Hall explained to not assume these debts are not paid. Rather, inform them that we show a balance due and ask if this is correct. Members who do not pay are reported to the Bar. The Bar will then send a letter advising them they have 2 months to pay dues. 2010 dues are past due as of June 30, 2011. Invoices went out September 12, 2010. Names will not be turned in until September 15th. Dues are \$150; total for last year and this year are \$300.

Mr. Beadle stated that we received several sponsorship requests. The Finance Committee recommends \$750 to PLS for Jazz for Justice (same as last year), Asheville Area Paralegal Association \$200 (same as last year). We have \$2000 total this year. We would like to set aside \$500 for the YLD which was meant to be included in our budget. Mr. Christy reminded the committee that we have a policy to distribute only \$500 in sponsorships each quarter of the year. If we approve these sponsorships, we leave only \$550 for the remainder of the year. The EC discussed the current policy to limit distributions to \$500 per quarter. Mr. Beadle withdrew the Finance Committee's motion.

Mr. Gottschalk moved to amend the 2011-2012 budget to include \$500 for YLD. Mr. Coxie seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Friesen made a motion to allocate \$200 to the paralegal association and \$750 to Pisgah Legal Services. After some discussion Ms. Friesen amended her motion to allocate \$200 to the paralegal association for the first quarter of this fiscal year, and to agree to sponsor PLS \$750 but reserve allocation to a later time. Mr. Coxie seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CLE Committee:

Ms. Creadick reported on the upcoming Nov 4th LGBT CLE; we are co-sponsoring several CLEs with PLS this fall. We are well ahead of schedule before the end of the year. Ms. Creadick and Ms. Goins are discussing a potential advanced custody CLE for the spring.

Communications Committee:

Ms. McMinn reported that this committee is managing well. She clarified that they are not editing articles submitted by individuals outside of the EC.

Special Events:

Mr. Coxie deferred to Ms. Hall to report on this committee. Ms. Hall reported that the orientation and swearing-in has been planned for Sept 30th. This will be a one-day event. Ms. Friesen has been assisting with this. This will be a joint swearing-in for state and federal court.

This Thursday is the Fall Bar picnic, 5pm – 8pm, at Carrier Park. Mr. Tate encouraged that EC members attempt to be present at this event and to encourage members of their firm to attend.

Ms. Hall requested that EC members volunteer (2 per lunch) to sit at the entry table at the Bar lunch.

Pro Bono Committee:

Mr. Gottschalk requested Denis Lanahan be allowed to serve on this committee and the EC agreed.

Mr. Gottschalk explained that the EC allocated \$1500 to support pro bono activities. These funds come from the sale of pro se packets at the courthouse. The committee met and proposed to sponsor 5 CLEs what are targeted to pro bono groups via the MAVL program of PLS. The CLE will cover different practice areas: divorce, 50Bs, guardianships, aiding homeowners facing foreclosure, Wills on Wheels and hotline. The proposal is to sponsor the CLEs in 5 different areas to recruit more MAVL volunteers by reducing the cost of this CLE if the attorney agrees to accept 2 pro bono cases. There is also a reduced rate for current MAVL volunteers. The CLEs are open to everyone. The pro bono committee requests EC approval of \$1500 to sponsor all 5 CLEs. This will pay for roughly half of the cost of these CLEs. Mr. Christy seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee:

Mr. Christy advised the committee that we will vote on a Nominating Committee in October.

Upcoming Programs:

Mr. Tate reported the speakers for upcoming bar lunches as follows:

September 14th - Robert M Hurley, North Carolina Capital Defender. Judge Letz will introduce this speaker; he is spreading the word for the 20 slots open to other District Bar meetings for this luncheon.

October - Roy Cooper, Attorney General for North Carolina.

New Business:

Wills for Heroes

Mr. Coxie reported that he has met with spouses of firefighters and he expects that there will be requests for Wills. Ms. Hall and Mr. Coxie discussed doing one-on-one Wills on an individual basis rather than a one-day event. The EC discussed creating a list of volunteer attorneys who will agree to do advance directives. Ms. Hall will put a request for volunteers in the e-news. Wills for Heroes is for law

enforcement officers, paramedics in addition to firefighters. Mr. Stark suggested placing an ad that notifies the public that 28th JDB is volunteering to do Advance Directives for police, firefighters and paramedics of Buncombe County. Ms. Creadick suggested selecting a day for this event for the advertisement. Mr. Tate advised that the ad be coordinated with the communications committee.

Library Update:

Ms. Hall explained that Mr. Peltz is working on this matter and he has been communicating with the law librarian.

President's Report

Mr. Tate reported that following a review of the EC's minutes to determine our decision with regard to Bar Cares, he noted that we did not pursue funding this program because the Bar Cares program is available for free to NC Bar Association members.

Mr. Tate asked that all EC members attend our events to set an example for our Bar, and bring another attorney with you. Try to get the word out regarding speakers for our Bar lunches, especially the September meeting which intends to recruit new attorneys for capital cases.

Next Meeting:

The next regular EC meeting will be on _____, 2011 at 12:30 in Pisgah Legal Services conference room.

There being no further information coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned. These minutes are respectfully submitted on the ___ day of September, 2011.

M. Mae Creadick