

The Bar Association of Frederick County, Maryland, Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2021

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President LoVetro at 12:17 pm. There were approximately 41 people in attendance (43 with sponsors).
- II. **Sponsor:** The sponsors for the meeting were Chris Brooks & Dennis Rudolph of CRC Salomon. They are not charging extra for video depositions.
- III. **Call to All Attorneys:** Mary Ellen Mitchell, CEO of Housing Frederick, spoke regarding grant assistance for attorneys and helping with pro bono landlord/tenant cases. Mary Ellen's email is ceo@housingfrederick.org. If any member is interested in helping, please contact Mary Ellen, Tom Lynch, Joanie Raymond or Gordon Cooley.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** The May Meeting Minutes and the May and June Treasurer's Reports were attached to the agenda at the meeting. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the June General Membership Meeting Minutes. President LoVetro called for a vote and the Motion passed unanimously. The May and June, 2021 Treasurer's Reports likewise were approved.
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **Judge Nicklas' Retirement Party** is on **August 12 from 4:30-6:30 pm** at the Delaplaine. Please stop by and wish him well and also wish him a happy birthday.
 - B. **The BAFC Annual Picnic and Golf Tournament** will be held on **Thursday, September 9**. PIGS will be catering again. Watch for registration information to come out soon! The tournament will be held at Musket Ridge with rolling tee times between 9:30 am and 10:30 am.
- VI. **New Business**
 - A. The **Young Lawyers Section** will have a happy hour on **Thursday, August 19** from 5:00-7:00 pm, at Olde Mother Brewing Co., located on North Market Street, Frederick, Maryland. For more information about the Young Lawyers Section, please contact April Dixon (Inskeep) or email bafcyls@gmail.com.
 - B. The **Young Lawyers Section** is coordinating volunteers for at **BrewFest** at Milkhouse Brewery at Stillpoint Farm on **September 11**. Please watch your email for the signup sheet. We will need volunteers for shifts from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm. In return for our time a donation is made to Camp Jamie (Hospice of Frederick County).
 - C. **BAFC 2nd Annual Gleaning Event:** We are seeking volunteers to help harvest fruits and vegetables on **Saturday, October 16**. **THIS IS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT** organized by the BAFC YLS. Volunteers will meet at First Fruit Farm, Inc., located at 20431 Middletown Road, Freeland, MD 21053 at 8:45 am. The project will run from **9:00-11:30am** and there will be plenty of space and jobs to allow for social distancing. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, please go to our website and fill out a liability waiver for each person attending. The BAFC encourages participants to wear their yellow BAFC Quarantine 2020 t-shirt if you have one! To learn more about this project and organization, check out <https://www.firstfruitsfarm.org/>.
 - D. The **Business Law Section** has a change in the point of contact for members. Rebekah Lusk will be the new section chair, taking the reigns from Frank Goldstein. Rebekah can be reached at rlusk@lusk-law.com.
 - E. The **Family Law Section** has several events coming up. Please mark your calendars for: **8/24 at Noon:** informal meeting over lunch. Location TBD. **9/22 at 5:00 pm via Zoom:** Jane Wettach, Esq. with the Coalition for Responsible Home Education will be speaking on the topic of homeschooling and providing tips on how to navigate potential issues that could come up when a family is involved in homeschooling. **10/20 at 5:00 pm via Zoom:** Paul Berman, Ph.D. Rebecca Snyder, Ph.D., Lisa Fishberg, Esq., and Erin Kopelman, Esq., will present the results of a more than a yearlong workgroup project regarding the use of Brief Focused Assessments in contested custody cases. They will discuss 10 proposed processes and the methodologies for Brief Focused Assessments that can apply to cases to avoid the need for a full custody evaluation when one is not needed or appropriate. For more information about the Family Law Section, please contact Carin Golze at Carin@WinikLaw.com.
 - F. **CALL TO ACTION:** The Maryland Attorney General, Maryland Judiciary, Maryland State Bar Association and Maryland Access to Justice Commission are proud to join forces to deliver an urgent Call to Action for pro bono. We strongly urge every attorney in Maryland to take at least one pro bono case or provide pro bono service hours over the next year to help in the areas with the most acute need, namely housing, consumer, public benefits or family law. Please sign up now at <https://probonomd.org/call-to-action/>. Gordon Cooley urged participation, encouraged contributions to Justice for All and suggested the Bar donate the Justice for All grant money this year to the Call to Action mission. Tom Lynch echoed the great need to help.

G. **Brief Introduction of Litigant in need of representation:** Angus Derbyshire, aderbyshire@mdlab.org.

VII. **Member Highlights**

A. **New Members:** Thomas Gross was introduced by Chelsea Kadish; Garrett Byron was introduced by Judge Julia Martz-Fisher. A motion to approve the applications of Thomas Gross and Garrett Byron for membership was made, seconded and, after a vote, passed unanimously.

VIII. **Guest Speaker**

The speaker for the meeting was Frederick City Police Chief Jason Lando. He shared his philosophy of community building and good policing which is not only a low crime rate but people feeling that they received justice. The Crisis Car pilot program starts September 1 to January 1, 2022 with a police officer, a mental health responder, and a medic riding in the same car to appropriately handle mental health situations. Frederick City Police started a partnership with Boys & Girls Club – to get kids comfortable with police.

IX. **Adjournment**

There will be no bar luncheon in September. The next meeting will be held on **October 5 at 12:00 pm** at the **Delaplaine Arts Center**. The meeting was adjourned by President LoVetro at 1:03 pm.

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- **Garrett Byron** (Sponsor: Judge Julia Martz-Fisher)

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Our speaker today is Frederick City Police Chief Jason Lando.

Adjournment

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Treasurer's Report
May 2021**

	Total
Income	
Operating Income	
Advertising	132.00
Newsletter	132.00
Total Advertising	\$ 132.00
Dues	
Members	300.00
New Members	225.00
Total Dues	\$ 525.00
Total Operating Income	\$ 657.00
Total Income	\$ 657.00
Gross Profit	\$ 657.00
Expenses	
Operating Expenses	
Accounting Services	94.34
Affinipay Service Fees	21.70
Conferences	269.00
Insurance	489.00
Supplies	136.58
Website/Email Maintenance	20.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,030.62
Payroll Expenses	
Taxes	176.54
Wages	2,307.70
Total Payroll Expenses	\$ 2,484.24
Total Expenses	\$ 3,514.86
Net Operating Income	-\$ 2,857.86
Other Income	
Interest	3.72
Total Other Income	\$ 3.72
Net Other Income	\$ 3.72
Net Income	-\$ 2,854.14

Checking Account Balance (5/31/2021):

\$86,573.93

Monday, Jun 28, 2021 07:02:37 AM GMT-7 - Cash Basis

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Treasurer's Report
June 2021**

	Total
Income	
Operating Income	
Dues	
New Members	75.00
Total Dues	\$ 75.00
Total Operating Income	\$ 75.00
Total Income	\$ 75.00
Gross Profit	\$ 75.00
Expenses	135.00
Dues & subscriptions	
Operating Expenses	94.34
Accounting Services	11.00
Affinipay Service Fees	112.09
Website/Email Maintenance	112.09
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 217.43
Payroll Expenses	176.53
Taxes	2,307.70
Wages	2,484.23
Total Payroll Expenses	\$ 2,836.66
Total Expenses	\$ 2,761.66
Net Operating Income	-\$
Other Income	3.48
Interest	3.48
Total Other Income	\$ 3.48
Net Other Income	\$ 3.48
Net Income	-\$ 2,758.18

Checking Account Balance (6/30/2021): \$83,848.33

Monday, Jul 26, 2021 07:17:57 AM GMT-7 - Cash Basis