



Secretary's Minutes

Regular Meeting

March 7, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

- The Terre Haute Bar Association Regular Business Meeting was held at the Terre Haute Brewery located at 401 S. 9th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47807, Phone: 812-814-3071. The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by President Scott Craig.
- A quorum was found to be present. The following members were in attendance: Kim Jackson, Gus Tabor, Jeff Lind, Hon. John Roach, Dave Sullivan, Tricia Rose Tanoos, Scott Craig, Jared Farnsworth, Adrian Polit, Noah Gambill and Jim Walker.

Agenda Item #1 – Secretary's Report

Tricia Rose Tanoos presented her Minutes of the February 7, 2019 Meeting. Kim Jackson moved that the Minutes be approved. Gus Tabor seconded the motion, and the Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item #2 – Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jared Farnsworth presented his Treasurer's Report which shows that the THBA has a balance of _____ in its checking account as of today's date, and a Wabash Valley Community Fund balance of _____ as of September 30, 2018. Jared noted that certain Mock Trial expenses are to be disbursed from that fund, but he did not have an updated fund balance.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item # 3 Memorial Resolutions

Scott Craig reported that Mike Ireland's committee is working on the memorial resolution for James Sullivan.

Scott said he has communicated with Dan Weber and Dan indicated he will be working on the resolution. However, Dan noted that we should not expect to have anything until after maple syrup season.

Agenda Item # 4 U.S. District Judge James Sweeney – Invitation to meet the THBA

Scott Craig reported that Craig McKee has found that new U.S. District Court Judges James Sweeney and J.P. Hanlon are available on Thursday, May 16, 2019. We are thinking of having an early evening event with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Scott said this would serve as our regular May meeting. Members were asked for suggestions as to possible locations to hold this event. Clabber Girl, Stables, the Ohio Building, the Saratoga Restaurant, and the Magna Carta Room at ISU, which was the former federal courtroom, were mentioned as possible venues. Jim Walker will check into all the various options and will report back.

Agenda Item #5 ISBA Leadership Development Academy & Indiana Court of Appeals Argument

Noah Gambill reported that the ISBA Leadership Development Academy consists of 25 young lawyers who go around the state for 5 months participating in various programs. In February, they assembled in Indianapolis and heard from the Supreme Court, the Governor and legislators. They will be in Terre Haute on March 14 and 15, and this is their first visit to Terre Haute. On March 14th, the Court of Appeals will conduct an oral argument in the Magna Carta Room, and a reception will follow. Members wishing to attend the reception must notify Leah Baker of the ISBA by March 11th. On Friday, they will participate in various panels on the general theme of quality of life, quality of place. The mayor will attend one of the panels, Jeff Lind will lead a redevelopment panel, Mary Kramer of Art Spaces will discuss the Turn to the River Project, conduct a walking tour, and finish at the Swope Museum. Noah stated that the ISBA has asked if the Terre Haute Bar Association would serve as a co-sponsor for the reception. Tricia Rose Tanoos moved that the THBA approve spending \$500.00 to co-sponsor the event. Judge Roach seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 Mock Trial Project

Tricia Rose Tanoos reported that Otter Creek, Sarah Scott & West Vigo Middle Schools will all be competing in mock trials to be held on May 3, 2019. Volunteer attorneys will teach the four lesson mock trial curriculum at Honey Creek and Woodrow Wilson, but those schools will not be participating in the actual trials this year. Forty-two attorneys have volunteered

to teach the curriculum at all the middle schools, but we are looking for volunteers to coach the teams and volunteers to participate on the day of the trials.

Agenda Item #7 Legislative Update for 2019

Scott Craig said that he had nothing new to report since the last meeting but his wife, who is vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, will assist in rounding up legislators to participate.

Agenda Item #8 Non-Profit Status

Jared Farnsworth again raised the question whether the Terre Haute Bar Association should apply to become a tax-exempt organization, perhaps under IRC 501(C)(4), but Jared hasn't had really any experience in establishing a non-profit. Jeff Lind stated that we want to make sure that we don't get in a situation where we would be precluded from taking a position on a political question. For example, Jeff said we would want to be able to take a position if the judiciary is attacked. Tricia Rose Tanoos moved to establish a committee to study whether the Terre Haute Bar Association should apply for status as an IRC 501(c)(4) social welfare organization. Kim Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Jeff Lind indicated that he would be happy to work with Jared to explore the wisdom of being a non-profit and which type and then report back to the membership.

Agenda Item #9 Dues Statements

Tricia reported that the dues statement/attorney questionnaire forms have been prepared and will go out this week and the members will be asked to pay their dues by April 15th.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #10 New Member

There were no new candidates for membership.

Agenda Item #11 E-Filing in Terre Haute City Court – Guest Speaker

Terre Haute City Clerk Michelle Edwards advised the membership that voluntary e-filing is now available in the Terre Haute City Court and that it will be mandatory for all attorneys beginning on April 30, 2019. Her goal

is to make as much information as possible easily accessible online. We already have gone paperless in infraction and ordinance filings. She also mentioned that Terre Haute City Court is participating in a program to send text messages to defendants one week and again 2 days before a scheduled court hearing in an effort to cut down on failures to appear, but at this time, not many defendants want to give the court their cell phone numbers. Finally, for members interested in City Council actions, their meetings can be viewed on You Tube.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other new business raised, President Scott Craig declared the meeting adjourned, and the meeting was adjourned without objection.

The next meeting will be April 4, 2019 at noon at the Terre Haute Brewing Company.

Respectfully submitted,



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