



Secretary's Minutes

Terre Haute Bar Association's

Regular Business Meeting

January 4, 2018

CALL TO ORDER – January 4, 2018

- The Terre Haute Bar Association Regular Business Meeting was held at the Copper Bar. The meeting was called to order about 12:10 p.m. by President Paul Jungers.
- A quorum was found to be present with at least the following members present: The Honorable John Roach, the Honorable Michael Lewis, Paul Jungers, Scott Craig, Tricia Rose Tanoos, Donald Bonomo, Mike Wright, Kim Jackson, Aaron Rodgers and Jim Walker. David Bolk attended as a guest.

Regular Business

- New Member
Judge Lewis moved that David Bolk be admitted to the Terre Haute Bar Association. The motion was duly seconded, and passed unanimously. David was welcomed as a member as he paid membership dues for 2018.
- Item #1 Treasurer's Report
Tricia Tanoos presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Jared Farnsworth who could not attend today's meeting. Kim Jackson moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved. The motion was duly seconded, and passed unanimously.
- Item #2 Secretary's Report
Tricia then presented her Secretary's Reports. Because the THBA did not have a quorum for its September, October, and November 2017 meetings, and because the business meeting portion of the December Christmas party was limited to admitting new members, the Minutes for the September, October, and November meetings have never been approved. There was a motion that the Minutes of the September, October, November, and December meetings be approved. The motion was duly seconded, and passed unanimously. Jim Walker was directed to post the approved minutes on our website.

Old Business

- Item #3 Memorial Resolution for Judge Larry J. McKinney
Tricia confirmed that March 8 has been selected as the date for a memorial ceremony. Craig McKee and the memorial committee which includes Jessie Cook, Bob Kondras and Tricia Rose Tanoos are still working out the details. It is expected that all the judges of the Southern District

will be here, and the ceremony will recognize the Hon. Denise K. LaRue, U.S. Magistrate Judge, as well as Judge McKinney.

- Item #4 Law Day Mock Trial Project

Tricia reported that 28 attorneys have volunteered to participate at Woodrow Wilson and Honey Creek Middle School. Tricia is working on handbooks for the students. Jim Walker is working on materials for the teachers and Kim Jackson is drafting the case file to be used for the trial. The mock trial committee, which also includes Matt Effner, Rob Roberts and Judge Lakshmi Reddy, is meeting with Holly Pies of the VCSC tomorrow to review the status. Tricia is working with Ivy Tech to try to get funding to help us put on this project.

The plan is to match our attorney volunteers with teachers at each school, and they will have 3 teaching sessions at the schools before March 31 to teach the students a little about the judicial system and how trials work. At the conclusion of the third session, students will be selected to be prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges in the mock trial that will be held in May. Then, in the final session in April, the students who will play jurors will be selected.

Judge Lewis expressed concern that his courtroom would not be available after 10:00 a.m., and not in the afternoon at all because he has mental health court scheduled then. Judge Roach also stated that his courtroom might not be available on May 4. Mike Wright said the first Friday of the month is bad for Division 4 because that is when they do county ordinance violations. We might have to use the IV-D court and Terre Haute City Court as alternative courts for the mock trials. Tricia will try to confirm the availability of courts after the meeting.

- Item #5 Judge David Hamilton of the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals

Scott Craig reported that Craig McKee is working on arrangements to have Judge Hamilton to present a 1 hour CLE sometime in the Spring.

- Item #6 Legislative Update

Scott reported that he is working on trying to set up a presentation by local legislators on new legislation after this year's session concludes. Scott is thinking about having this as an evening meeting, and possibly applying for CLE credit.

New Business

- David Bolk informed the membership that ISU is hosting the Indiana Court of Appeals for an oral argument in Federal Hall on February 27, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Members of the bar are invited to observe the argument.
- Jim Walker mentioned that he and Scott Craig had discussed looking for new locations for our monthly meetings and for CLE presentations since some members have difficulty with stairs. Scott suggested that perhaps the Grand Traverse Pie Co. might be a good location for meetings, and possibly the conference room at the Cox law firm might be available for CLE programs. It was also suggested that the Terre Haute Brewing Co. might be a good location for our regular meetings. Jim said he would look into the suggested locations for future meetings.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
- The next regular business meeting will be conducted on Thursday, February 1, 2018.