



Secretary' s Minutes

Regular Business Meeting
March 1,2018

CALL TO ORDER — March 1, 2018

- 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 about 12:15 p.m. by Vice President Scott Craig.
- A quorum was found to be present with at least the following members present: The Honorable Phil Adler, The Honorable John Roach, Tricia Rose Tanoos, Gus Tabor, Jared Farnsworth, Eddie Felling, Scott Racop, Mark Hassler, Jake Miller, TC Clary, Jeff Lewellyn, Noah Gambill, Tracy Weber, and Jim Walker.

Regular Business

- Item #1 - Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jared Farnsworth presented the Treasurer's Report showing income of [REDACTED] and expenditures of [REDACTED], leaving a cash balance on hand as of 3/1/18 of [REDACTED]. The Terre Haute Bar Association Endowment Fund administered by the WVCF had balance as of 12/31/17 of [REDACTED]. Jared reported that all bills are up to date. He also noted that the Association had received donations totaling [REDACTED] from members who are no longer required to pay dues. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

- Item #2 - Secretary's Report

Secretary Tricia Rose Tanoos then presented her Secretary's Minutes of the January 4, 2018 meeting. Tricia also reported that the Dues Notices for 2018 have been mailed to members. Paul Jungers moved that the Minutes of the January meeting be approved. Phil Adler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Item #3 — Proposed Changes to By-Laws

Tricia Rose Tanoos presented a resolution to amend the Terre Haute Bar Association bylaws. Aside from a few typographical changes, the major changes are to allow attorneys who are not licensed in Indiana to become members, to change the election of officers, and to increase the annual dues by \$20 per year. The proposed changes will be posted on the Association's website for review and comment, and notice of the proposed changes will be mailed by regular U.S. mail to those members who have requested such notice so that the proposed amendments may be voted on at our regular meeting on April 5, 2018.

- Item #4 — Selection of Nominating Committee for New THBA Board Members for 2018-19 Scott Craig asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee to nominate new officers to be elected at the annual meeting. TC Clary volunteered to serve, and Scott asked TC to select two additional members to serve on the committee.

- Item #5 - Memorial Ceremony for the Honorable Larry J. McKinney, Senior U.S. District Court Judge, and the Honorable Denise K. LaRue, U.S. Magistrate Judge Scott Craig confirmed that the memorial ceremony is scheduled for March 8, 2016 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the U.S. Courthouse, 921 Ohio Street, Terre Haute. All active judges of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, as well as family members of Judge McKinney and Judge LaRue plan to attend.

- Item #6 — Retirement Celebration for the Honorable Bruce Stengel Judge Stengel is retiring as judge of the Vermillion Circuit Court, and an open house retirement celebration is scheduled for Friday, March 16, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Vermillion Circuit Court in Newport, Indiana. All members of the Terre Haute Bar Association have been invited to attend.

- Item #7 - Legislative Update Scott Craig will serve as moderator for a legislative update for the Terre Haute Bar Association that is being co-sponsored by the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce. The event will take place on April 12, 2018 at the Terre Haute Brewing Company. Area legislators will update us on the recently concluded legislative session and will be available for us to talk about matters we would like to see the legislature tackle in the future. Registration for the event is free, but a buffet lunch is available with pre-registration for \$15 per person. Register for the program at www.terre-hautechamber.com. Tricia distributed a flyer the Chamber of Commerce has prepared announcing the event. Scott said that there is no CLE credit for this event, but Tricia said she would look into seeing if we could apply for credit.

- Item #8 - Law Day Mock Trial Project Jim Walker reported that the mock trial materials are nearly complete. Kim Jackson prepared the basic case, writing all the witness statements and taking photographs that will be used in the trial. Jim has completed the police report and charging Information, and he is working on some simplified rules of evidence for the mock trial. Judge Reddy will prepare a few basic jury instructions. Hopefully, these materials will be completed by early next week. Tracy Weber reported that she had made her first presentation at one of the schools and that the kids seemed to be responsive. Tracy provided the kids with the basics on who is who in a courtroom and what everyone does. Her next session with the kids is scheduled for March 5. Noah Gambill also has done his first teaching session. He went over the basics as well, explaining the differences between civil and criminal law. Tricia reported that we could have as many as 7 trials going on May 4th. Walker also reported that David Bolk has volunteered to help on the day of the mock trial. He indicated that he might be able to recruit some of his legal studies students to help on that day as well. Tricia indicated that we needed to finish up the trial materials so that we can get them to Ivy Tech for printing before April.

New Business

- Item #9 — Indiana State Bar Association Update

Noah Gambill reported on activities of the ISBA and the Young Lawyers Section. Noah reported that the ISBA has been discussing group health insurance for solo practitioners and small firms as a way to reduce insurance premiums. He also reported that there may be changes coming to the rules on advertising. Finally, the Young Lawyers Section is revising its publication "Legal Stuff You Should Know."

- Item #10 — Welcome New Members

Jeff Lewellyn introduced Darwinson Valdez as a new member of Wilkinson, Goeller, Modesitt, Wilkinson & Drummy, LLP, and moved that he be admitted to the Terre Haute Bar Association. Darwinson received his undergraduate degree at the State of New York University at Buffalo, and his law degree from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. The motion to admit Darwinson was duly seconded and approved unanimously.

Judge Adler introduced Adrian Polit, Pro Bono Coordinator of the D10 Pro Bono Project and moved that he be admitted to the Terre Haute Bar Association. Adrian received his undergraduate degree from Kenyon College and his law degree from the University of South Carolina. Gus Tabor seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. Adrian stated that the D10 Pro Bono Project has a small office across the street from the courthouse. They sponsor the family law walk-in clinic on the first and third Fridays of the month outside Judge Reddy's court. The clinic operates from 9 a.m. until lunchtime. Adrian said they would welcome volunteers to help with this project. Judge Adler explained that the volunteers just give advice at the clinic, maybe help a person write a letter to the court, but the volunteers do not represent the people.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular business meeting will be conducted on **Thursday, April 5, 2018, at the Terre Haute Brewery @ Noon.**

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tricia Rose Tanoos

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