

MCBA MEETING

September 14, 2016

Border Grill on Washington Street, Marquette

Number attending: 18

Quorum: yes

Meeting called to order by President Faccio at 12:12 p.m.

Present - Danielle DeRosia Faccio, Angela Hentkowski, Robbie Powelson, Brian Sheridan, Jacob Spear, Molly Ombrello, Ron Keefe, Nels Christopherson, Judge Karl Weber, Jeremy Pickens, Michael Burink, Paul Marin, Marybeth Marin, Thomas Sullivan, Priscilla Burnham, Patrick Greeley, Erica Roell, Patrick Jennings

Motion to approve the Minutes from July 2016 meeting and Treasurers Report by R. Powelson, Seconded by A. Hentkowski, All in favor, 0 Nays.

Judge Weber Report - Things are going well, courts are busy. Darryl is now integrated into the court system and is helping immensely. His office is currently next to Probate Court but that may change when Judge Solka retires. Approximately 40% of his caseload is Circuit/Family Court, 40% Probate Court, and the remainder is district court and small claims.

Communications received this month - From Candace Crowley regarding the State Bar Tour and Mini-bench bar conference.

Old Business -

- Discussed the sponsoring 1 meal to be selected via random drawing at future quarterly meetings with a \$15 cap. Jeremy Pickens commented that he supports this idea, although it may not increase participation, but it is worth a try. President Faccio made a motion to go forward with this, seconded by Priscilla Burnham, All in favor, 0 opposed. There was also discussion regarding meetings falling on Wednesdays and conflicting with Drug Court which is every other Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. Have to watch for this when scheduling in future.
- Discussed Chat with the Bar being sponsored by local firms in the future, some members expressed that their respective firms may be interested in hosting an event in the future - social media committee will reach out to firms to coordinate what works for the firm that wishes to host.
- Logo Comments - Judge Hill mentioned at prior meeting that the logo does not depict the entire State of Michigan. Membership discussed that we are a County Bar association and that our county is in the U.P., therefore membership supports logo as is. Thomas Sullivan made a motion to vote to change the logo, Priscilla seconded the motion. 0 in favor of changing logo, All opposed to changing logo.

New Business

- President's report - all things discussed above, and also Law Day and State Bar Tour below.
- Social Media committee - Facebook page posted first post regarding Ask The Lawyers this week. Erica asked that the Facebook page link be shared with the

membership.

- Fundraising committee - July 28th meeting was held, Jeremy, Bill, Sean and Erica attended. General problem is that we do not have a direction as to what the funds should be raised for. Discussion about a scholarship. Motion by Priscilla seconded by Burink to direct fundraising committed to research into the necessary steps to raise money for a scholarship. All in favor, none opposed
- Law Day - Discussion about the lack of success for the face-to-face meetings for people to speak with lawyers, this will be discontinued. Discussion about success of the courthouse program, and potentially advertising earlier, as the event comes up quick (May 1st). Also discussion about shifting gears to becoming more involved with schools, Priscilla and Molly discussed looking into this further and combining with Erica and Danielle with regards to the courthouse program.
- State Bar Tour - schedule and agenda previously provided. President Faccio encouraged participation. Jeremy suggested sending invitations to other bar associations in the U.P.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jacob P. Spear