

February 2016 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at: 6:05

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:54

Number of Members in Attendance: 62

Motion made and approved to accept Minutes from the January 2016 Meeting without a reading.

MEMBER LIST

At the end of 2015, we had 488 members. At the beginning of this meeting we already have 310 dues paying members for 2016. We still have 178 Members from 2015 that have not renewed for 2016. If you are already on the list, you have received several emailings from Tim Clemens. If you are not receiving Tim's emails, see him after the meeting to correct/verify your information. YOUR EMAIL INFORMATION IS GOING TO BE USED FOR WEBPAGE CONTACTS. PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS CORRECT.

2016 OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

The following were elected as Officers and Trustees at our January Monthly Meeting.

President: Judge Brian F. Hagan

Vice President: Joe Burke

Vice President: Mary Catherine Barrett

Treasurer: Terri Lastovka

Secretary: Tim Clemens

Trustees:

1) Hugh A. Carlin

2) Veronica Dever

3) Ashley Jones

4) Judge Brendan Sheehan

5) Stanley Stein

WEB PAGE UPDATE

The webpage is and has been up and running. Not everyone has registered his or her information on the page. Please do so.

We are working on making some updates to include a listing of all of our Committees with the contact information for each Chairperson. That way should you decide to become active on a committee, you will know who to contact. That was a suggested by Member Richard Heiser. We will also be working on a forms bank in 2014.

LISTSERV

If you are not receiving notifications, please let us know so we can pass your information onto the web designers. LISTSERV is a huge benefit of being a member of WSBA.

Some of you have had your personal emails hacked/phished. Some of those have resulted in some of your fellow members receiving unwanted emails. The best way to protect yourself and those on your personal disbursement lists is to change you password on you personal email accounts. As of today, there have been no issues created by anyone hacking into LISTSERV. This is a personal email account issue.

CLE's

Our 2016 CLE's are being planned by our CLE committee. Our CLE Committee is made up of Members Joe Burke, Tim Clemens, Veronica Dever, Chris Murray, and Drue Skyard. The committee will be meeting soon to begin planning for our 2016 CLE's. More information will be communicated as the process continues.

All of our CLE's are held at Umerly Hall, which is across the parking lot from the Rocky River Court. Members are charged \$50 and non-members are charged \$75 for each CLE. Announcements will be posted on our web page, on the Rocky River Court's web page, and notices will be sent electronically.

Periodically, we also have opportunities to attend other CLE's. We will do our best to keep everyone informed when those opportunities arise.

2016 DUES

WE STILL HAVE 178 MEMBERS FROM 2015 THAT HAVE NOT RENEWED FOR 2016. As you can imagine, between Terri Lastovka, Tim Clemens and our IT guys, it takes several hours to maintain and update our Membership lists, LISTSERV and our Webpage. We are still accepting dues for 2016. To stay active and to have no interruption of your LISTSERV access, we need your 2016 dues by February 18, 2016. Please write a check to WSBA for \$25 and submit same to Terri Lastovka along with your 2016 dues form. Or you can download and complete the dues invoice from our web site and follow the instructions on the form. We also have dues forms at the door this evening.

Remaining 2016 General Meeting Dates

Tuesday March 1, 2016 (National Primary Elections are on March 15th)

Tuesday April 5, 2016

Tuesday May 3, 2016

Tuesday June 7, 2016

Tuesday September 6, 2016

TBD Clam Bake/General Meeting

Tuesday November 1, 2016 (National General Elections November 8th)

Tuesday December 13, 2016 (Holiday Party)

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM TERI LASTOVKA

MOTION AND PASSED TO ACCEPT TREASURERS' REPORT

Previous Balance January 1, 2014		\$11,359.21
Deposits:		
01/07/14 Meeting (67) members)	\$670.00	
Dues collected	\$1,650.00	
Raffle Proceeds	\$107.00	
Total Deposits		\$2,427.00
Payments:		
BeachCliff for Meeting	(603.00)	
BeachCliff 2016 Subsidy	(\$2,000.00)	
BeachCliff Server	(\$67.00)	
Raffle Winner (Nick Froning)	(\$54.00)	
Total Payments		(\$2,724.00)
Net Increase (Decrease)		(\$297.00)
Balance as of February 1, 2016		\$ 11,062.21

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Co-Chairs Joe Jerome/Nick Froning are seeking input for planning Social Events for 2016. There will be a meeting of the Social Committee as well as all interested in helping plan and implement our 2016 events. Emails will be sent via LISTSERV.

NEW LAWYER COMMITTEE REPORT:

Judge Markus was the guest speaker at this evening's meeting. He brings with him 62 years of experience and an unmatched respect from across the entire state.

NEW BUSINESS

Common Pleas Administrative Judge John Russo will advise us once plans for the operations of the Courts have been solidified during the Republican National Convention.

Parking at the Huntington Parking Garage on Lakeside is being curtailed. The Convention Center and the new hotel are taking over about ½ of the available spaces. There will be construction that will limit access and the price for parking is increasing on March 1st.

Member Amy Wirtz advised about an upcoming seminar for women that are facing divorce and need more information about their rights, and procedures. Amy will be sending an email with all of the details. It is scheduled for February 20, 2016

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Dan Baron, Eileen Bitterman and Mary Brigid Sweeney

ADJOURNMENT