

**Smith County Bar Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting**

March 14, 2018

Start Time: 12:06 pm

End Time: 12:55 pm

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Members present:

Diane DeVasto
Deborah Race
Dawn Franks
David Hudson
Tim Simpson
Ron Stutes
Amy Ames
Jennifer Gaston
Trey Yarbrough
Ruth Yeager

Also present:

Cristy Arscott
Carol Campbell
Jim Huggler

Members Absent:

Barbara Bass
Dana Bias
Bill Cornelius
Shannon Dacus
Earl Drott
Judge Kennedy
Bryan Campbell
Kelly Pace
Daniel Montgomery
Patricia Coplan
Laura Jackson
Andrew Adams

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| <p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Deborah Race called the meeting to order.</p> | | | | |
| <p>SPECIAL GUEST – JIM HUGGLER</p> <p>Jim Huggler submitted a report on the February National Conference of Bar Foundations held in Vancouver, British Columbia. He is a member of their Board of Directors. The meeting is like the Texas State Bar Meeting, with educational opportunities, discussion of topics of interest, and board business. There were good speakers, including the General Counsel of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. An issue that also concerns Smith County that was discussed from the national perspective was:</p> | | | | |

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| <p>“Reaching Different Generations”. He reported that the Cleveland Cavaliers are very supportive of the Cleveland Bar Foundation, which allows them to budget for training and travel for their executive director. He recommended that we consider a training budget item for our executive director. He reported that our Foundation has great numbers for participation compared to other foundations, and his colleagues were impressed by the involvement of our local bar. He encouraged any of our Board members to attend any of these conferences, the next meeting being in August,2018.</p> <p>Deborah commented about the quality of the CLE presentation by Wes Hill at the 3/9 Bar meeting, and suggested that podcasts of some of these presentations be considered.</p> | | | | |
| <p>COMMITTEE UPDATES</p> <p>FELLOWS</p> <p>Amy Ames reported that she had contacted the Fellows who were behind on their pledges last week, and had received a good response. She reminded everyone that each Board member is to recruit a new Fellow. It was suggested that new Fellows, and those who have increased their membership level, be listed on a slide at Law Day, in addition to being named in the Newsletter. A date for the Fellows event was discussed, and it was suggested that it be scheduled around the Day of Civility, April 20. April 19 was mentioned as a possible date, if it can be coordinated with Judge Parker. This led to a discussion of the Day of Civility and it was noted that the outstanding article on lawyer civility by Bill Cornelius was available for this event. A possible breakfast time event honoring area Judges, including newly elected Judges, was discussed.</p> | | | | |

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| <p>ENDOWMENT No report.</p> <p>PUBLIC RELATIONS Jennifer Gaston reported that the nomination for the <i>Tyler Today</i> April 2017 issue for the SBOT Gavel Award had been submitted. <i>Tyler Today</i> is working on articles on Judge Parker, Chipper Adams, Bradley Tidwell (Michael Tidwell's son for next year), the TJC paralegal program, and a pro bono story. Bill Cornelius' article: <i>Civility vs. Uncivility</i> is ready for print. Possibly posting the article on Facebook on April 20 was discussed.</p> <p>LAW DAY Trey Yarbrough reported a good response from underwriters of \$11,850, with donations at every level. Award recipients will be: Robert Parker-Justinian; Liberty Bell-Lana Peacock of the Crisis Center; Tab Beall-Excellence; and Stuart Hene-Young Lawyer. Fifteen essays have been submitted, with good participation from Robert E. Lee, Whitehouse, and All-Saints. Mock trials are scheduled for May 7-11. The committee is to meet next week.</p> <p>CONSTITUTION DAY 2018 Tim Simpson reported that Chief Judge Carl Stewart has confirmed that he will speak to the students at 1:30 pm on September 26 in the Apache Room at TJC. The Judge has been invited to attend the luncheon at Noon, but has not confirmed that he will attend. Carol Campbell reported that the combination of the Volunteer Attorney Appreciation with Constitution Day is being planned again.</p> | | <p>Law Day committee and staff</p> | | <p>Law Day committee will continue planning for the May 9th event and will update the board monthly</p> |
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| <p>Civics Program Ron Stutes reported that the Civics Game has been presented to the Garden Club (29 in attendance in the home of Mike and Nez Gross), the Hispanic Business Professionals Group, and classes at TJC. The students engaged in a ½ hour question and answer session with the lawyers. Prof. McAuley’s Tuesday/Thursday class at TJC has expressed interest in having the Civics Game.</p> | | | | |
| <p>AdHoc SUCCESSION PLAN COMMITTEE No report. TASKFORCE COMMITTEE (BUILDING) No report.</p> | | | | |
| <p>MINUTES The minutes from the February board meeting of the Foundation were submitted for approval as written and attached to the Agenda.</p> | <p>February minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.</p> | <p>Acting Secretary and board</p> | | |
| <p>FINANCIAL REPORT In Daniel Montgomery’s absence, Deborah referred the Board to the SCBF balance sheet and Income and Expense Report attached to agenda for review.</p> | | | | |
| <p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT Attached to the meeting agenda for review. Cristy also reported that she has been working on Law Day.</p> | | | | |
| <p>ROUND ROBIN REFLECTIONS Deborah noted that the Playhouses on the Square</p> | | | | |

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| <p>event, benefitting Habitat for Humanity begins with the arrival of the playhouses on the square on 3/15, with a dinner and auction occurring on Thursday, March 22. Jim Huggler noted the success of his Mock Trial team. Amy Ames noted that the State of Texas had changed its STAR testing dates and that the test conflicts with the Mock Trials in May. Diane encouraged everyone to thank the candidates in the recent local elections for running, winners and losers. Cristy noted that Deborah's birthday was this past week and a card was given to her. Tim and Diane spoke before the meeting about their new granddaughters born this month.</p> | | | | |
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NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018