

**Minutes of the Marquette County Bar Association Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 13, 2016**  
**The Vierling**

**Attendees:** Danielle Faccio, Erica Roell, Sean Fosmire, Trish Davis, Jeremy Pickens, Nels Christopherson, Angela Hentkowski, Jacob Spear, Molly Ombrello, Brandon Evans, Ron Keefe, Mike Burink, Hon. Karl Weber, Hon. Cheryl Hill, Martha Jennings, Pat Jennings

1. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at approximately 12:10 pm by Erica Roell, President.
2. Approval of Minutes. The minutes for the meetings held on July 15, 2015, September 30, 2015, and October 29, 2015, were approved on motion by Ron Keefe, seconded by Martha Jennings.
3. Communications: From Lauren Thomas of the Michigan Bar Association – She reports that we have no coverage for lawyer referral service in the Upper Peninsula. In order to be part of the Lawyer Referral Service attorneys must agree to do a \$50 initial consult with new clients through the service. Interested attorneys must sign up with the State Bar.
4. Old Business. Post Office Box was discussed. Cost is \$62/month. No action taken
5. New Business
  - a. President's Report. Erica Roell reports that Ask the Lawyers is going well, and we have all the volunteers needed until March. Recently, local layers volunteered to answer the telephones for Ask the Lawyers and it was a good time. There was a great turn out at Judge Weber's investiture ceremony and reception. The cost of the Investiture was roughly \$467.
  - b. Committee reports.
    - i. Social chair – Looking for speakers to present to the group. Also planning a Chat with the Bar which will highlight the new members.
    - ii. Website Committee – Trish Davis reported that if you google the Marquette County Bar Association, nothing about the group comes up. Goal is to provide way for community to get in touch with the MCBA. The secondary goal will be to provide resources for people who want to represent themselves. The State Bar will establish a website free of charge with limited pages and updating options. It would have links to other sites. The committee is also considering a Facebook page. Sean Fosmire wants to spend \$200 on website design. We already have a URL set. Most local bar associations have adopted the State Bar format. The committee and/or officers would be in charge of administering the website. Martha Jennings moved that \$400 be allocated to website building. Angela Hentkowski seconded. Motion passed.
  - c. Budget – The officers will put together a proposed annual budget.
6. Judge's Comments –
  - a. Judge Hill reports that the local bench is happy to have Hon. Karl Weber on board. The County cut funding to the Youth Home and 26 jobs were lost. Funding will run until April 2016. The occupancy of the Home is low and delinquency has also been lower. Youth Home will close between March and April. The Probate Registrar is now located in the Probate Court office.

- b. Judge Weber thanked Erica Roell and Jeremy Pickens for their assistance with the investiture ceremony and reception. He also thanked Judges Hill and Mazucchi for their assistance. Judge Weber is enjoying the work and is alternating Fridays and Tuesdays with Judge Kangas at the Ishpeming court.
7. Adjourned at approximately 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Danielle DeRosia Faccio, Secretary