

Minutes of the Marquette County Bar Association Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2016
Border Grill

Attendees: Danielle Faccio, Erica Roell, Sean Fosmire, Jeremy Pickens, Nels Christopherson, Patricia Davis, David Nyberg, Marybeth Marin, Paul Marin, Bill Nordeen, Joan Ball, Steven Nelson (guest), Stephen Wood (guest), Andre Stringer (guest), Cora Bleau (guest), Hon. Karl Weber, Hon. Cheryl Hill, Hon. Thomas Solka

1. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at approximately 12:20 pm by Erica Roell, President.
2. Approval of Minutes and Treasurers Report. The minutes for the meetings held on January 13, 2016, and the Treasure's Report dated April 7, 2017, were approved on motion by Judge Hill, seconded by Joan Ball.
3. Communications: A new attorney from downstate signed the Marquette County Bar Association book, and informed Erica Roell of same. Erica reminded all new attorneys to sign the book.
4. Old Business. None
5. New Business
 - a. President's Report. Students from Northern Michigan University's Student Law Forum were in attendance, along with their advisor, Steve Nelson. Both Mr. Nelson and Erica expressed interest in developing a partnership moving forward. Erica noted that the Student Law Forum provides the students to answer the telephones for Ask the Lawyers.
 - b. Judicial Council. Judge Solka reported on Judge Mazzuchi's behalf. Judge Solka is retiring at the end of April, and his work load will be redistributed. The remaining judges are working on a plan for such redistribution. The Marquette County Board has been approached with a request for a family court referee position. Will likely know more this summer.
 - c. Committee reports.
 - i. Social chair - Annual meeting will be held at the Villa Boat Bar on May 18 at 5:30pm. Bill Nordeen moved to approve the expenditure of \$800 for the annual party, motion seconded by Judge Hill and unanimously approved. Nominations for officers for the coming year are being accepted now. Bar babies will receive personal invitations to the Annual Party by telephone.
 - ii. Social Media Committee – Sean Fosmire reports that progress is being made on the webpage. Facebook page will follow soon. Fosmire proposes to post follow up questions from Ask the Lawyers on Facebook page. Previously the committee was authorized to spend \$400. Fosmire reports that only about \$28 has been spent to register the website
 - iii. Law Day – Judge Weber reported that he will have a program at the Court in early may which will be open to the public. This will be followed by a Chat with the Bar at Breakers. MCBA will also be providing community service by answer questions at the Westwood Mall and possibly also Library, on May 7. Erica Roell has been in contact with the media

regarding coverage and advertising for Law Day. Erica requested up to \$200 to spend on having banners made and advertising. Unanimously approved upon motion by Judge Hill.

- d. Budget – A budget was provided to membership to be considered and will be voted upon at Annual Meeting. Judge Hill reports that most retired judges have a retirement dinner and a portion of the ticket sales go towards the cost of a portrait.
 - e. Fallen Officer Memorial Service Dinner - Judge Weber reported that all law enforcement will be invited to this event which is scheduled to be in Marquette this year on May 20. Jeremy Pickens moved to contribute \$250 to this cause, Erica Roell seconded, motion approved. Contributions can be made at any time by any interested individual.
 - f. Fundraising – Jeremy Pickens would like to see the MCBA raise more money so that it can be donated to other worthy causes. Jeremy Pickens, Erica Roell, and Bill Nordeen will follow up on this idea.
6. Judge's Comments –
- a. Judge Hill reports that the youth home is now closed. Law enforcement has been provided with information on how to handle youth detainees after hours. Great Lakes Recovery has a contract for emergency situations. Grant money previously awarded has helped to keep children in their home with the help of probation officers. The court house has a new security system with security cameras distributed throughout. Courthouse security committee would like the courthouse to have more limited access points, and all access points to be monitored.
 - b. Judge Weber reports that all probably cause conferences have been moved to an office adjacent to his office. He has been on the job 100 days and is surprised by the amount of drug cases. UMLI is June 9 – 11 on Mackinac Island; Judge Weber encourages everyone to attend. Judge Edgar is retiring and there will be a ceremony for him on June 30 in the main courtroom.
7. Adjourned at approximately 1:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Danielle DeRosia Faccio, President