

Florida Pro Bono Coordinator's Association
Meeting
October 22, 2008: 9:15 am

Minutes

A. Call to Order

2008 Officers

Bonnie Silverstein, President
Kimberly Zaffree, President-Elect
Paige Palmer, Treasurer
Kimberly Rommel-Enright, Secretary
Cathy Tucker, Immediate Past President.

ATTENDEES

Cathy Tucker, Legal Aid of Orlando
Kimberly Rommel-Enright, LASPBC
Bonnie Silverstein, LASPBC
Jane Helms, Gulfcoast Legal Services
Marcia Green, Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.
Paige Palmer, Tallahassee Bar
Bruce Levine, Put Something Back
Rob Johnson, Brevard Legal Aid
Elizabeth Porrelli, Community Law Program
Jeffrey Ahren, Legal Aid Service of Collier County
Kathy Arrant, Legal Aid Foundation
Susan Sandler, Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers
Charlene VanCleve, Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers
Losmin Jimenez, Three Rivers Legal Services
Linda Harradine, Legal Aid of Manasota
Carol Fontanez, Seminole County Legal Aid
Sandie Hobbs, Community Legal Services
Lisa Durham, Community Legal Services of Mid Florida
Ethel Wells, FRLS
Lena Smith, CLSMF
Sarah Fowler, JALA
Kelly Carmody, Carmody and Associates

B. Introduction of members

Circulation of Sign in sheet & member list

C. Review of Minutes/Agenda

Review and approval of the minutes of the last meeting. Review and approval of the agenda.

D. Board Reports

1. President's Report/Announcements (Bonnie)

Bonnie addressed group regarding her departure but her continued involvement in the FPBCA. Suggested we do elections in January. Wants to continue and go to Tallahassee as well as EJC in Orlando. Decided to hold off on election discussion until later in the meeting.

E. Treasurer's Report (Paige)

Tallahassee meeting was about \$7000, left over money is \$3618.88 must be spent before the end of the year it will not carryover. Please get forms in to Paige within two weeks.

F. Training (Bruce)

January meeting Bruce will have FLASH program head come to speak to us. Discussion about April Charney's training. Bruce to contact FLS about their program and maybe they can come and present as well.

G. Standing Committee Report (Rob)

Kelly Carmody gave information about study.

H. Lapel Pin Project (Elizabeth)

Elizabeth Porcelli submitted proposed new pin design. December 15th count is due to Susan Sandler at Bay Area . Gold winners names are due to Kim Enright by December 1st in spreadsheet.

I. General Practice (Bonnie)

Explanation of project for new members. Committee consist of chair who is immediate past president of FPBCA and the prior's years \$3000 winner as well as anyone else who is appointed by chair. Cathy Tucker to head the committee.

J. Booth (Marcie)

Explanation of booth for new people. Suggestion of raffle gift at the booth. Susan has offered to seek a raffle gift donated by a local firm. Bonnie suggested getting a room at Boca the next time the booth is in Boca. We will have the booth at the EJC. Cathy stated that she might be able to get some of her program staff to help cover the booth.

K. Kay Meyers (Marcie)

Explanation of award for new people. Nominations will go out in November award given out at January meeting. Deadline for submission will be early January. Get board president names to Marcie.

L. FPBCA Brochures (Kim)

Kim passed out statewide brochure. Suggestions on possible changes. Marcie talked about the ABA brochure. Marcie got permission to use the wording of the ABA brochure to tailor it to our own program.(FPBCA).

M. Section Reports

Kim: Family Law Section report- Updated on GAL and AAL issues. Suggestions that we have liaisons with each section. Look to see if Kelly Carmody suggests involvement of bar sections.

N. New Business

Equal justice: EJC in Orlando. 3 proposals made from FPBCA. Marcie and Bonnie's proposal about the coordinators and Cathy's proposals and Paige's. No one seems to be organizing or planning. Each program should bring a gift for the raffle at the EJC. Bruce suggested that we loosen the program requirements for this particular EJC i.e. Sending more than one person from a program. Cathy also suggested having the FPBCA pay for the hotel rooms but each program be responsible for their own travel.

Elections:

Discussion of breaking down the responsibilities of the presidency and president-elect. Election of president and president elect will be held in January. Paige nominated and stays on as treasurer and Lena voted in as secretary.

Next meeting in the January in Tallahassee.

Meeting adjourned

