



Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2013

Members Present:

Kate Fitzgerald Carole Capsalis
Angel Campbell Jennifer Tomac
Chris Mougín-Boal Li-Shann Durst
Camillia Safi Patricia Tichenor
Liz Pendzich Tina Newton
Elizabeth Vaughan Karen Law
Mary Daniel (Winchester)

- I. Introduction:** The meeting opened at 12:05pm.
- II. Membership:** The President announced that membership now stands at 61 members. Kristin Quirk and Kristen Kalina became new members since our last meeting.

The President expressed her thanks and appreciation to the outgoing officers, Betsy Sue Scott, Stephanie Troxell, Eileen Swicker and Chris Mougín-Boal.

Introduction of new officers:

- i. President - Carole Capsalis
- ii. President Elect - Kate Fitzgerald
- iii. Secretary – Jennifer Tomac
- iv. Treasurer - Angel Campbell

Of note, Katie Hovda has relocated to Connecticut, but will continue to assist with the administrative duties.

- III. Minutes/Records**
The June meeting minutes were approved. Goal is to get the minutes out sooner after the meeting and then post them on the VWAA website
- IV. Treasurer's Report**

The chapter's current bank account balance is \$3,036.64. No outstanding checks. The next statewide allocation will be received at the end of the year. The Fourth quarter report has been submitted; however, we have not heard whether it has been approved.

The annual audit is coming up. Angel needs two non-officer volunteers to spend a few hours reviewing the financial records. Li-Shann Durst and Christine Newton volunteered.

V. Chapter Activities

- A. Plan to keep a chapter activities calendar posted on the VWAA website.
- B. Informal Social Events
 - a. Planning things at different dates, times and places
 - i. Lunch, breakfast, happy hour, winery, etc.
 - ii. Friday September 20th noon – Lunch at South Street Under

VI. Old Business

- A. Chapter Membership Directory
 - Carole plans to circulate a directory that includes practice areas
- B. Joe Ritenour
 - Preapproved Annual donation to purchase bikes and helmets for work release program in Joe's honor
- C. VWAA Legislative Survey
 - Results are being tabulated and will be announced soon.
- D. Committees
 - a. Will be looking for chairs and members for these committees
 - i. CLE
 - ii. Diversity
 - iii. Judiciary
 - iv. Social Events
 - v. Legislative Affairs
 - vi. Public Relations
 - vii. Audit
 - viii. Membership
 - ix. Historian
- E. Autism CLE
 - a. Need to investigate status
- F. ALPS CLE
 - a. Ethics CLE possibly before October

- G. Virginia Lawyers for Children Website
 - a. Elizabeth Vaughan has developed the above website
 - b. Includes a Children's GAL forum
 - c. Other resources for children GALs
 - d. Working on developing a CLE w/ a child psychologist

VII. New Business

- A. Adoption Day – November 16, 2013 (member Karen Law)
 - 1. Event for any family who has finalized an adoption in 2013.
 - 2. First meeting in early September
 - 3. Circulated sign-up sheet, report to Karen if you can volunteer

- B. Bonnie Hoffman– Robert C. Heeney Award
 - 1. Huge congratulations to Bonnie on receiving the NACDL's Robert C. Heeney Award
 - 2. Some type of celebration will be planned

- C. Judge Horne Retirement Party
 - 1. December 6, 2013
 - 2. Put on by the Loudoun Bar Association
 - 3. VWAA contribution?
 - 4. The President proposed a \$250 contribution
 - a. Chris Mougins-Boal suggested that, based on Judge Horne's huge contributions to this committee and to VWAA, we put a call out to all members to contribute personally so that we can give a larger gift in the name of VWAA.
 - b. Question on what the contributions will be used for? Toward the dinner? Toward a gift from VWAA?
 - c. Motion that the chapter approves a \$250 gift and that we put a call out to all members for additional funds and that the funds will be pooled to make a donation to the dinner and then also give a gift from VWAA. Motion seconded and approved.
 - d. Need to look into what type of gift to give – something that will be meaningful to him.
 - e. We will make the call after Chris looks into ideas for the gift
 - f. Name Adoption Day in his honor?

- D. Founding Chapter member Barbara Williams named current President of VTLA
 - 1. Consider event in her honor in the Spring

- E. Ask Sharon Nelson, current VSB president, to come speak

- F. Winter Social – February 2014

G. Lunch Sponsors for our monthly meetings

H. Chuong Nguyen's wife is plastic surgeon and would like to do a meet and greet with our members

I. Judge Sincavage

1. Possible brown bag lunch w/him in the future

J. Empty Bowls

A. Possibly in the Spring. Chris Mouglin-Boal will let us know if it can be scheduled. It may have to wait until 2014-15.

VIII. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be September 12, 2013

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:58pm