

Dodge County Bar Association – Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: March 18th 2015

Location: Rolling Stone Pizza Pub, Juneau, WI

- 1) Introductions of new DCBA Executive Board Members and Sheriff Schmidt
- 2) Discussion of new website – <http://DodgeCountyBar.com>
 - Meeting minutes will be posted on the website moving forward
 - Upcoming events and announcements from the DCBA will also be posted
 - Any material any DCBA member would like to see on the website may be suggested by filling out the form on the website itself, or by e-mailing Collin.
 - New pictures of the community or County events from any DCBA member would be greatly appreciated and will be added to the website.
 - Suggestions for Content from DCBA Members
 - o List of Dodge County attorneys
 - o Sentencing Guidelines
 - o List of Clerks at the Dodge County Courthouse and their current area
 - o Intake calendar so Members know which Judge is on intake currently
- 3) Discussion of Upcoming Bench Bar Event on April 1st
 - Please RSVP by using the form on the website
 - Event will be held at Audubon Inn, Mayville
 - Cost is \$25\person payable directly to Cassel.
 - Meal is 3 courses – with options available for those with gluten\vegetarian restrictions
- 4) Discussion of Schützen Fest by Judge Sciascia
 - Tentative date is Wednesday September 9th
 - Event will most likely not be held at Old Hickory due to scheduling conflict. New location TBA.
- 5) Discussion of CLE Events to be hosted by DCBA
 - Judge Blanchard to discuss Supreme Court Criminal Cases – July 15th at Noon
 - Jaelyn Shelton will also schedule Judge Dykman for a CLE event TBA
 - Any suggestions for other CLEs that DCBA members would like to see, please contact Collin.
- 6) Discussion of Community Events\Outreach the DCBA Could be Involved In
 - Judge Sciascia suggested a community forum on the topic of Landlord\Tenant Law – “What Landlords Need to Know”
 - Atty. Schuessler suggested a forum or talk for DCBA Members and the community regarding Wisconsin’s new Trust law.

- DCBA will buy one new bulletproof vest to support the Sheriff's department
- DCBA will donate \$500 to the Beaver Dam VA and Memorial Day Parade

7) Presentation by Sheriff Schmidt

- No access cards will be issued for attorneys to circumvent security
- Courthouse is going through a multi-million dollar security upgrade which will include new locks, more cameras etc.
- Squad cars will be changing to all black design with a new logo
- Badges have changed from 5 point to 7 point star
- Dodge County Jail may be taking on more federal inmates as McHenry, IL winds down their federal inmate program
- Current population of DCJ is 360 inmates – County would like to see that number increase
- Sheriff would appreciate more specificity on motions to better prepare officers for trial...
- Atty. Devitt asked a question regarding identification requirements when visiting clients in the DCJ. Sheriff Schmidt confirmed he would get more information on the requirements.
- Sheriff would appreciate it if we could strive to settle our cases 24 hours before a scheduled trial which includes an officer's testimony. An officer will be paid for their trial appearance even if the case settles 24 hours prior and their testimony is no longer needed.
- Sheriff\DA's office is very supportive of TAD and treatment programs. More information on the programs is forthcoming.