

FAMILY LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING

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MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2009

1. Welcome and Introductions by Debra Alsaker-Burke in Chairman Linda Pall's absence.
2. February 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes were approved with a correction by Audrey Numbers, indicating that Steve Severn will be joined by Jeff Christiansen in presenting a CLE at the 2009 annual meeting on use of 1040 forms in discovery.

3. Treasurer's Report showed \$53, 663.00 cash on hand with liabilities as follows:  
Bar dues \$400.00  
University of Idaho \$10,000.00

4. OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Reports:

List Serve: A report was not available.

Survey Committee: A survey was sent out to Council members It will be sent out by "Survey Monkey" for individual comments.

Legislative and Rules Committee: David Hyde reported that the grandparent amendment failed in the Legislature primarily because there was a breakdown between Bob Aldridge and the group representing grandparents The amendment will likely come up again in next year's session. The Senate was unwilling to report it out without appropriate language.

CLE Committee: Audrey Numbers reported that an adoption expert was needed to assist with drafting the new Form book. \$1,000.00 was received from the Litigation Section for the October CLE , designed for attorneys who are willing to take on pro-bono family law cases.

Debra-Alsaker-Burke is searching for a mental health speaker for the April CLE's There are some participants coming from Spokane. Judge Karen Vehlow requested that there be a reduced fee of \$50.00 for sitting senior judges. A motion to approve this fee reduction passed. Law students, totaling approximately 12, wish to attend free of charge. It was moved and approved that students be admitted for free if space was available to accommodate them. Fred Zundel asked to attend at no cost as he works for Legal Aid and this motion was also approved. It was further moved that if there

was any profit from the combined CLE's, that half of those profits go to the Guardian ad Litem Program.

Mediation Project: Terri Muse reported that there are 13 applicants with 7 spaces left.

Soundstart Project: Mary Hobson presented a summary of the Soundstart program and emphasized the positive community involvement with Soundstart. The coordinator is able to do outreach to other parts of the State if she is able to raise \$5,000.00. Soundstart has requested a donation from the Business Section. Audrey Numbers and David Hyde supported a donation of \$2,500.00 from our Section. Debra Alsaker-Burke expressed her support of the program. It was moved and approved to provide a \$2,500.00 donation to Soundstart.

Award of Distinction: The recipient will be announced at the April meeting by the committee, comprised of John Schroeder, Fred Zundel and Lois Fletcher.

NEW BUSINESS:

The May council meeting to be held on May 20 will be held instead on May 27, face to face, with the approval of the council.

There will be a face to face strategic plan meeting during the afternoon of July 8, prior to the Annual Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lois K. Fletcher  
Section Secretary.