**GREENSBORO BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2022

Self Help Building

Diane Lowe, Davis McDonald, Desmond Sheridan, Karen Schaede, Judge Marcus Shields, Molly Hilburn-Holte, Nicole Scallon, Manisha Patel, Mark Gaylord

**CALL TO ORDER** Desmond Sheridan

The May 11, 2022 meeting was called to order by Desmond Sheridan at 4:05 pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**- April 13, 2022

A motion to approve the April 13, 2022 minutes was made by Manisha Patel and seconded by Nicole Scallon. The motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** Davis McDonald

Mr. McDonald reviewed the profit and loss statement. GBA has met its budget for the year, and has exceeded its revenues slightly due to more than anticipated membership. Meeting costs have gone up, as the cost of Starmount meetings has changed. Office expenses are in line with the budget. The GBA has saved about $5,000 on committee expenses, and has saved about $20,000 on total meeting expenses as there were no monthly meetings. Mr. McDonald reviewed the GBA balance sheet. Mr. McDonald addressed the previous discussion of keeping $25,000 to tide us over until annual dues are collected. Given the higher amount for the in person meetings, Ms. Lowe and Mr. McDonald discussed leaving $30,000. The investment account has gone down another since last month. Mr. McDonald suggests leaving the investment as it.

The Foundation has a $52,000 negative net income. It does not include the $27,000 that will be contributed at the end of next month. Mr. McDonald proposed putting $27,000 in the Foundation.

Mr. McDonald moved to transfer $27,000 from the GBA’s checking account to the GBA Foundation. The motion was seconded by Judge Shields, the motion was unanimously.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** Desmond Sheridan

Mr. Sheridan shared that he is happy to have had an in person meeting. We have signed the extension of the lease for the Self Help building until July 31, 2025. The rent goes up 2% every two years. The Battle of the Bars and the Baseball Tailgate are coming up.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Elementary School**

Ms. Lowe shared that the 5th grade graduation books will be dropped off in May.

**Family Law**

Ms. Patel shared that the Family Law in person social will held on May 12th at One Thirteen Rooftop Bar.

**High Point**

Ms. Lowe shared that trivia night is next Thursday.

**Judicial Liaison**

Judge Shield explained that four of the courtrooms will be fitted with TV screens and related technology. Child support enforcement court has cleared the backlog for both cities. Ms. Patel shared that there are only 3 court appointed attorneys in child support court for High Point.

Masks are optional at the courthouse for now.

**Newsletter/Social Media- Jonathan Parisi**

Mr. Parisi has set up twitter, Instagram, and also a Linkedin account.

**Pro Bono** - Manisha Patel

Ms. Patel would like to send out an update regarding low bono and pro bono opportunities. She would like to get in touch with IDS committee to share the court appointed application.
She also wants to make a greater emphasis that low bono and community involvement counts for the Herb Faux society. She would like to do this in the first newsletter of the next year. She is thinking of revamping the Herb Falk Society’s application to make it clear what types of activities qualify for induction.

The NC Bar Foundation’s executive director and staff attorney worked with Wake County to put on a Pro Bono custody clinic. Ms. Patel reached out to the executive director to discuss how it worked there. Ms. Patel believes this is a need in Guilford County. GBA, High Point Bar Association, and Greensboro Family Law Section would be stakeholders in this potential program. NC Bar Foundation is looking at early fall to do this. Attorneys would be there to give brief advice and counsel, and paralegals would be needed to assist. NC Bar Foundation had about 20 people sign up. Ms. Patel believes the Volunteer Center would be a good place to host the program. Ms. Patel is interested in reaching out to the NC paralegal division’s pro bono committee for support. The next brainstorming planning committee is tentatively scheduled for July 19th, and Ms. Patel would like to give feedback from GBA and also from the Family Law Section. Ms. Patel suggested partnering with the NC Bar Foundation as they have the infrastructure in place.

Mr. McDonald asked for an idea of how much it would cost. Ms. Patel will discuss this at the next meeting. Mr. Sheridan asked about the frequency of the program. Ms. Patel shared that right now she is thinking about annually, but could also be biannually. Ms. Patel needs to know if GBA is on board with moving forward with planning.

Margaret Dudley with Elon Law expressed the need for more attorneys to provide pro bono or low bono services for 50b and domestic violence issues.

**Young Lawyers** – Nicole Scallon

The end of year party is June 2nd. The kick ball league has been going well. Young Lawyers will get close to spending its budget. The committee is planning a service project with Back Pack Beginnings.

**CLE**- Judge Shields

Credit for the annual CLE has been approved and payment has been submitted.

**History and Archives**- Mark Gaylord

Mr. Gaylord is setting up a time with to meet Bob Weinstein at his office

**New Business**- Diane Lowe Compensation

The committee gave 100% positive review. The committee agreed to propose $42,000 with a $3,000 bonus. A motion to approve $42,000 with a $3,000 bonus was made by Judge Shields and seconded by Nicole Scallon.

**ADJOURN**- Meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Molly Hilburn-Holte, Secretary

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Desmond G. Sheridan, President