

## WCDBA MEETING MINUTES

9/17/09

### Call to Order

4:50 Sandra Ramos called the meeting to order

### Roll Call

Jayne Ingles, Donna Rotunno, Lawrence X. O'Reilly, Mary C. Meehan, Susana Ortiz, Sandra Ramos, Diana Vizcaino, Marie Taraska, Ava George Stewart

### Approval of Minutes

Jayne Ingles. moves for approval—Donna R. seconds—minutes approved

### Treasurer's Report

Balance \$21,574.33

Paid \$1,000 donation to Women Everywhere, \$300 for MCLE accreditation, \$5,000 donation to Sara's Circle, \$250 Adobe Grill Deposit, Checks are still coming in from fundraiser, Suzanna Ortiz volunteered to send "thank yous"

Women Everywhere sent a letter to WCDBA requesting a further donation of \$250 to help cover their "administrative costs", Suzanna Ortiz objected to further donation, Sandra Ramos agreed bc its "administrative" and not going directly to women in need or something relating to the holidays. Suzanna Ortiz noted WCDBA just donated \$1,000, All in favor

### Committees

**Website:** no report

**CLE:**

We paid are \$300 and are MCLE accredited.

**Fundraising and Social:**

Holiday party is set for 12/11 at Adobe Grill \$65 per head for dinner and premium bar. Sandra Ramos suggested we have our Christmas party at

Excalibur. She recently hosted a fundraiser there, and got excellent feedback. She also could assist in the booking for a possible reduced rate.

Jayne Ingles and Suzanna Ortiz expressed concern regarding changing Holiday party location from Adobe Grill. They thought it was too late at this point, citing we have received about 20 RSVP's and at least 2 emails were sent out over the past couple of months asking for suggests and no one suggested Excalibur then. Suzanna Ortiz noted we should keep Excalibur in mind for the next event, possibly a "Judge's Night". Sandra withdrew her suggestion of Excalibur.

Sandra Ramos brought up Donna Makowski's (not present) suggestion of changing the venue of the meetings from Kent to other locations, possibly conference room at 53 W. Jackson, another member conference room at 1 N. LaSalle. Jayne Ingles mentioned parking at those locations, especially 53 W. Jackson is expensive and difficult as opposed to \$6 by Kent. Everyone seemed to agree. Matter was not further discussed.

Jayne Ingles asked if we scheduled January meeting, there was nothing the minutes. Mary Meehan noted she wrote down 1/19/09 in her book as the meeting date.

Jayne Ingles informed the group, Chicago Red Stars (female prof. soccer) from Toyota Park would like to team up with WCDBA for an evening game and fundraiser. Tickets would be \$25 per head, every ticket purchased by WCDBA would give \$10 to Sara's Circle. No obligation for ticket sales required by WCDBA, see flyer for more information.

ISBA is looking for nominations for the following: Young Lawyer, Lawyer in Public Service, General Practice Community Leader, and Law Student, see flyer for more information.

Sandra Ramos informed the group of Holiday Dinner Party at Four Seasons hosted by 9 organizations including Diversity Scholarship Foundation with JMLS, and participating Bar Organizations, tickets \$75, see flyer for more information.

### **New Membership:**

Jayne Ingles mentions she discussed our group with some Public Defender's in Maywood, and they expressed interest in joining.

Group viewed draft and approved Mary Meehan working on a WCDBA informational pamphlet. Sandra Ramos will draft letter from president, and Suzanna Ortiz will write short paragraph on Amicus Brief.

**Referral Committee:**

Gus Markakos is on the referral committee.

**New Business:**

**Future Meetings**

5:25 pm Meeting adjourned