

**KANSAS MUNICIPAL JUDGES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

January 19, 2023 – Meeting VIA ZOOM

Attendance:

Jennifer Jones – President
Andrea Bekemeyer – Secretary
Greg Nickel – Treasurer
Fred Johnson – Southeast Director
Daniel Love – Southwest Director
Karen Torline – Legislative Committee
Scott Wright – Previous President

The meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Jones at 5:40 p.m. Motion made by Daniel Love to approve minutes of the April 26, 2022, minutes. Motion seconded by Fred Johnson.

Treasurer Greg Nickel presented the treasurer's report. Since our expenses have been low, we still have a large balance. He then shared he has been approached by members wanting to see if the collection of dues can be done electronically. He is going to research how we can go about making this happen. The subject of our tax-exempt status was brought up. After some discussion it was noted, our organization does not qualify.

Legislative committee. Karen Torline reported on the progress of amending **K.S.A. 12-4517 and 8-262**. **12-4517** requires individuals be fingerprinted at the time of booking or first appearance. We are asking this requirement be eliminated for no driver's license convictions. **8-262** pertains to driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked. We are asking to modify the 5-day jail on the first drive while suspended conviction. KMJA executive committee gives its full support of the committee's recommendations. Karen is going to send an email with the proposed changes to the members.

2023 Annual Conference

Program: Our OJA contact was not available to attend the meeting and at this point little has been prepared. We know that Laura Nordgren will be providing the Legislative Update. We also know the Nuts and Bolts; DMV Update and Ethics portions of the conference will be provided as in the past.

President Jones mentioned at the last conference cookies and soda were provided one afternoon. It was agreed we would like to provide them again.

Karen Torline addressed the upcoming evening activity at Chicken and Pickle. Before Covid, Karen had been quoted costs from Chicken and Pickle. For three appetizers, with no drinks, the price came to \$12 per person. Five appetizers with no drinks cost \$26. It was decided Karen will check with Chicken and Pickle to gather all the details for what is included in the room we want to reserve and the updated prices for appetizers. All agreed it would be easier if members were able to pay for their spouses

attending electronically. Greg Nickel will give us an update at our next meeting as to if this can be done. Sending an email to members for attendance numbers and payment was also discussed.

Hospitality Suite. Last year's budget was \$1200.00. Daniel Love suggested leaving the budget at \$1200. All agreed.

TRIVIA. Fred Johnson mentioned he had reached out to Ken Lamoreaux in the past but to no avail. Andrea Bekemeyer agreed to reach out to him again if she was provided with his email. Prizes in the past have been gift cards from Walmart. The total amount spent being \$400. Subject was tabled for the next meeting depending on contact with Ken or someone stepping up to take over the trivia portion of the conference.

Fred Benson and Michael Barbara Awards: At this time, we have no nominees for either award. Plans were made to ask for nominees when we send out the email to members about the attendance to the Chicken and Pickle outing.

Plans for our next meeting to be held after the Education committee meets.

Last item for discussion was the vacancy of the President Elect position on the Board of Directors. Andrea Bekemeyer agreed to take the President's position after this year. It was decided to find members to fill both President-Elect and Secretary positions at the conference this spring.

President Jones then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Bekemeyer
Secretary, KMJA