**HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**August 2, 2017**

The monthly meeting of the Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association was held on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 11:45 a.m. at the Cooper House.  President, Doug Martinson, II, Vice President/President-Elect, Derek Simpson, Treasurer, Travis Jackson, and Secretary, Nicole Schroer, presided.  The Honorable Claude Hundley gave the invocation.

**MINUTES AND TREASURER’S REPORT**

The minutes from the July 2017 meeting were distributed and unanimously approved.  The Treasurer’s report was presented as follows:

BAR ASSOCIATION

            Compass General Account:                                        $10,918.23

             Compass CD:                                                              $25,000.00

Compass Money Market: $85,122.51

            Compass Ben Boyanton Scholarship Account:          $8,642.34

            Regions Sarah Jaye Daye Scholarship Account:        $53,732.93

           Regions Sarah Jaye Daye Scholarship CD:                $68,256.96

            LAW FOUNDATION

            Compass Account:                                                      $27,480.81

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Doug Martinson called upon members to introduce guests. The following guests were present at the meeting: Magistrate Judge Rusty Johnson, Nancy Gaines, Jim Gaines, Will Eckerd, Nelson Johnson, Cecilia Showalter, Max Wright, Zach Robertson, Clay Martinson, Grayson Everett, Zach Anderson, Spencer Newman, and Mike Kelly.

**Membership and Professionalism Committee**

Chair Jeremiah Hodges proposed Amy Sanborn and Joshua Graff for membership in HMCBA and they was unanimously approved.

**Continuing Legal Education Committee**

Chair Rebekah McKinney announced that there would not be a Lunch and Learn in August. The next Lunch and Learn will take place in September. An interest indicator will also be going out to all Bar members regarding upcoming CLE ideas.

**Madison County Volunteer Lawyers Program**

Nicole Schroer announced that the MCVLP was hosting a Wills for Heroes Clinic on August 24th and 25th from 9am-5pm both days in partnership with the City of Huntsville. Sign-up links are available through the MCVLP newsletter or contact Nicole for more information.

**Other Announcements**

**Doug announced that Michael Timberlake and Frank Caprio were elected to the Judicial Commission.**

**Doug thanked John Hightower for his assistance in helping to move the Law Library to its new location in the public library. John was instrumental in helping to get the library back up to speed and obtaining periodicals.**

**Doug also thanked the Executive Committee for an excellent year of service.**

**Doug announced the results of the 2017-2018 Officer Election:**

**President: Derek Simpson**

**President Elect: J. Mark Debro**

**Secretary: Page Banks**

**Treasurer: Ty Shepard**

**PROGRAM**

Taze Shepard, MCVLP Board President, and Tara Helms, MCVLP Board President-Elect, hosted a 35th Anniversary Celebration for the MCVLP. The Founding Board members of the MCVLP were recognized and honored as follows:

Nancy Smith Gaines

Patrick H. Graves, Jr.

H. Harold Stephens

Ernest L. Potter, Jr.

David L. Thomas

Thomas H. Siniard

Aubrey O. Lammons

Tommy Siniard and Harold Stephens presented heartfelt stories about the MCVLP and what the program has meant to clients they have served over the years.

Taze also called upon all Board member and volunteer attorneys to stand and be recognized. Judge Hundley spoke about what the MCVLP and pro bono attorneys have meant to the Courts and the pro se litigants the Courts see.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Nicole Schroer                                          Cindy Seeley

Secretary                                             Executive Director