

CLASP Monthly Meeting
2/21/24

Minutes taken by Jennifer McEnroe

Attending:

Stephanie Jablon
Elle Barr
Karen Fadzen
Jennifer Bierly
Lori Gephardt
Donna Cheswick
Seth Dresbold
Kelly Reddy-Heffner
Jerome Savoroski
Lorraine Easton

Jeff Pollock
Julie Herzog
Lindsay Sifers
Lois Vitti
Deb Gilman
David Miller
Derek Smith

Zanita Zacks-Gabriel from Erie reached out to gauge interest from CLASP on attending a one-day collaborative retreat in Harrisburg on October 19, 2024. She's checking to see if other practice groups in PA are interested in attending. There is concern that poor attendance will impact their budget for 2025. Deb asked where in Harrisburg and Steph believes it will be at the PBI building in Mechanicsburg. Deb mentioned pressure from the PBA to attend training sessions. David said that the PBI building is in a good location for travelers and he has made day trips to this location.

Steph said some of the other PA local collaborative practice groups are talking about a statewide practice group and asked CLASP members to think about what can we do differently in a statewide practice that may not be met by our current local practice group. This would be in addition to our local group and not a replacement for it. Lori mentioned that Florida has a very successful statewide practice group. David mentioned that Virginia does as well.

Treasurer's Report: Karen provided financials vi e-mail. Membership committee did a great job contacting members to renew. Approximately \$38,000 in bank. \$1,000 sponsorship from OFW last year has been received. Only expenses so far are paypal and quickbooks fees. Karen is exploring whether PNC will provide interest on the bank account and if they refuse she will shop around for an interest bearing account. Will report back at next meeting.

Marketing: Elle Barr is the new Chair and Lorraine Easton has offered to be the co-chair of the Marketing Committee. Stephanie will send out a vote by email to approve Lorraine as the co-chair.

Education: Lori and Alex are planning a session on March 21, 2024 at HYP Club – presentation on the real estate market with Dan Gilman. Program will likely be 1-2 hours.

Membership: Jeff Pollock reported that he, Shelly Magri and Susan DiGirolamo reached out to members about dues and most of them paid promptly. There are 8 members who have not renewed as of yet. There are 2 members who notified CLASP that they are not renewing their membership.

Ethics: No Report

Training: Deb shared that training is set for May 15, 16 & 17, 2024 at Gaetanos Banquet Hall. Very inexpensive location with good facilities and parking. They are going to share and promote it with the other collaborative groups in the state, PA council of mediators and others.

Pro Bono: The committee is looking into a flat fee model to remove barriers to access to collaborative law.

Policies & Procedures: No report.

Idea Committee: PBI did a program on cultural humility and shared the recording. CLASP is having a gathering tomorrow (2/22) at Derek's office to watch the program and reflect on it.

Social Committee: No report. Steph commented that they have already planned four events and have sent out save the dates. First social is:

March 12,2024 at Harp & Fiddle - Irish Dancing, etc. at 6pm

David Miller reported that the ABA finally voted to support the Uniform Collaborative Law Act. This was a lengthy (many years long) process to finally get approval!

Meeting ended at 12:41 p.m.