

MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2015

A meeting of the Historical Society of the USDCND Iowa was held on May, 21, 2015.

The meeting commenced at 12:05 p.m. and adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

President Paula Roby called the meeting to order and after introductions of the officers and staff in attendance, (Paula Roby President; Ray Scheetz Vice President; Rich Murphy Treasurer; Kevin Collins Secretary; Rob Phelps US District Court Clerk), a roll call was conducted.

Those in attendance in person in Cedar Rapids for the meeting were Chief Judge Linda Reade, Judge Jon Scoles, Hilary Naab, CJ Williams, Richard Lipman, John Lane, Timothy Hill and Stephen Swift.

Those in attendance by phone were Judge Leonard Strand, Tom Boyd and Mike Lahammer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without amendment.

President's Report

The Presidents Report was deferred as the substance was covered later in the agenda.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Murphy reported that there are currently 42 members of the Northern District Historical Society and that the current bank balance is \$1,730.

Old Business

1. Updating History Book – Ray Sheetz and Hilary Naab reported the book has not been updated in the last 13 years. Roy Scheetz, Hilary Naab and Rob Phelps are working on updated drafts of the judicial biographies. The plan is to have updated drafts circulated to the judges for review and comment within 60 days.
2. Updating Cedar Rapids Historical Display – As indicated in the March 2015 Minutes the update of the historical display will be deferred for approximately 12 months.
3. Creating Sioux City Historical Display – As indicated in the March 2015 Minutes creation of the Sioux City historical display will be deferred for approximately 12 months in light of other priorities discussed later in the minutes.
4. ~~Increasing~~ Membership – No new members have been recruited since the last meeting.
5. Oral Histories – There was a lengthy discussion about the need to move forward with capturing the oral histories of our judges and lawyers. Contacts with various judges have

been made and it was agreed the following oral histories will be scheduled with the following interviewers:

Judge Bennett – to be interviewed by CJ Williams

Judge McManus – to be interviewed by Rich Murphy

Judge Melloy - to be interviewed by Michael Lahammer

Judge Kilburg – to be interviewed by Paula Roby

Hilary Naab previously circulated templates for oral interviews. Paula Roby will be meeting with the interviewers and ~~creating~~ developing a final template for the interviews. It is anticipated the interviews will be 2-3 hours with the final edited history to be no more than 60 minutes.

It was resolved to engage Wes Nygren, Court Reporter to handle the videography and editing in Cedar Rapids. A western Iowa videographer will be engaged for the Sioux City interviews.

A general discussion ensued about the mechanics of the interviews including the advisability of using multiple cameras in order to create a visually appealing final product and to allow the insertion of photographs and other memorabilia in the final edited version.

It was agreed the interviewee will be provided a copy of the interview outline in advance. The interviewee will have the opportunity to approve the final version before distribution.

New Business

1. **Priorities** – Establish the order for the remaining oral histories. Kevin Collins and Rob Phelps will prepare and distribute a spreadsheet with the names of remaining judges to be interviewed and proposed order based on years or service and age.
2. **Recruiting** – It was reported that the Federal Practice Committee has offered time at its seminars for a brief informational presentation of the Society and the benefits of membership. A local Bankruptcy Bar subcommittee was established with Dan Childers as chair and members include Wes Huisinga, Eric Lamb and Joe Peiffer. Paula Roby will make a brief presentation at the bankruptcy bar summer outing in July to recruit additional members. Rob Phelps reported the Court has materials including poster boards that can be borrowed for presentations.
3. **Cedar Rapids Historical Display** – Although a full scale renovation will not likely occur for at least 12 months, John Lane reported he is assembling materials and soliciting other

CJA attorneys for materials to create a CJA display.

Action items

Oral History Interviews to be scheduled.

Judge Bennett – to be interviewed by CJ Williams

Judge O'Brien – to be interviewed by CJ Williams

Judge McManus – to be interviewed by Rich Murphy

Judge Melloy – to be interviewed by Michael Lahammer

Judge Kilburg – to be interviewed by Paula Roby

Linda Reade/Jon Scoles

- a. Provide this committee the name of the requested interviewer for their respective oral history and possible dates for interview.

Paula Roby

- a. Meet with interviewers to prepare template/outline for oral history interviews.
- b. Meet with Beth Hansen, Chair of the Federal Practice Committee to discuss joint seminar and other projects.

CJ Williams

- a. Draft material for History Book relating to Judge Bennett and significant milestones.

John Lane

- a. Contact Wes Nygren about hourly rates for videotaping oral histories and hourly charge for editing;
- b. Contact Wes Nygren for name of videographer to record oral histories in Sioux City.

Kevin Collins/Rob Phelps

- a. Prepare and circulate spreadsheet of judges to be interviewed for oral history and proposed order of interviews.

Ray Scheetz/Hilary Naab

- a. Ray Scheetz and Hilary Naab will attempt to determine the cost to publish and print a new edition of the History Book.

- b. Ray Scheetz and Hilary Naab to work on drafting and circulating updated biographies to the judges.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July __, 2015 at Noon at the US District Courthouse in Cedar Rapids, IA.