



TOMPKINS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting
November 18, 2021 (via Zoom)

Officers present: T. McNamara, Kelly, J. McNamara, Tiffany, McKain, Kirby

Time called to order: 6:00 p.m.

1. Welcome Members
 - a. Review of 2020 minutes. Kelly moved to approve, Brainard seconded. Approved, unanimous; Morrell and McMullen abstain.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Oct 1, 2020-Sept 30, 2021 - \$1,450 dues total balance of \$4,147.50; spent \$497 on website and zoom; net income of \$3,482—cash balance \$22,632.03
3. Updates
 - a. Social events halted, summer social canceled because of delta variant, no loss of money. Hopeful for next year. Prioritize getting back together again in the future to make the bar relevant.
 - b. Equal Access to Justice: Put on pause briefly, Judge Joseph Cassidy & Maura Kennedy-Smith revived it earlier this year to focus on housing initiatives in Tioga County, initiative in Ithaca City Court to a right to counsel, discussion with various agencies to put this to work, not yet in place. Outreach committee is focused on public and letting them know of services. Morrell confirmed that in City of Ithaca counsel will be provided in city housing court, to take place in January 2022.
 - c. CLE Certification: Completed. Kirby to be contact person. Sindy Gary, who works for the Broome County Bar, brought in to help set up CLE's, and expand number of CLE's done. Call for upcoming CLE's: McMullen- Elder law CLE and trust and estates CLE have been popular, McMullen is offering to help present on those topics; Damm—comprehensive matrimonial update could be used, we have not done one recently, should be done soon; Murphy—talks with local judges, changes locally and with judges, hasn't happened in a while, ethics update could be used, real estate contract needs update. Murphy—racial healing issues have been addressed in criminal bar, needs to be addressed with TCBA—with real estate

professionals to address race-based discrimination, same with landlord/tenant.

4. Induction of New Members
 - a. Ariana Marmora, Esq.
 - b. Carrie Dougherty, Esq.
 - c. Nathan Kopp, Esq.
 - d. John Winters, J.D. Candidate
 - e. Marissa Johnson, Esq.
 - f. Paul O'Brian, Esq.
 - g. Victor Kessler, Esq.

Kelly moved to approve, McKain seconded. Approved, unanimous.

5. Induction of New Slate
 - a. K. Damm moved, Kirby seconded. Approved, unanimous.
6. Discussion of TCBA dues. Whether dues should be waived in the upcoming year for certain individuals (assigned counsel, junior attorneys, etc) or maintain dues similar to how NYSBA did.
7. Thanks to Kevin Kelly. Thanks to all attendants.

McKain motioned to adjourn, Kirby seconds. Adjournment on or around 7:05.