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A message from Marion, the NALS of Jackson County President and Editor.....

As most of you know, Erin and I will be heading to the NALS meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. Erin is taking the easy way and flying but I am going on a road trip with Kathie Amirante and Carole Schneider from Lansing. The business of the association will go on without me – Christine Kloack will handle the Board meeting and Jodi Snyder is taking care of the Court Observance meeting at Lily Missions. Please plan on attending.

Don't forget that our Schwan's Cares fundraiser is going on. Campaign ID 22505.

Marion R. Stone, PP, PLS



Minutes of the September 17 Meeting

OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY

Attendees: LeeAnna, Diane Berry, Tabata, Kelsey, Robyn, Patti, Roxanne, Janette, Julie, Erin, Cierra

Welcome our speaker and any guests, Diane Berry, Tabata Zumiga and Roxann Repasy

Invocation by Erin Carr, PP, PLS

Vice President – Christine Kloack wrote an article that was published in the Jackson County Legal News, and the Detroit Legal News that talked about the advantages of being in NALS. Hopefully this will peak interest in NALS in the community. Also plans to contact Tracy Nothnagel to assist her with providing information to incoming Paralegal students.

Recording Secretary – Jennifer Meade, CER. The minutes of the July meeting were published. Are there any additions or corrections? The minutes are approved as published.

Treasurer – LeeAnna Kloack, PLS - The financial report is distributed and it will be filed subject to review. No bills to present for payment.

Corresponding Secretary – Cierra Sowle sent card to Judge Rapplepe for the loss of her mother. Sunshine Fund earned \$3.50 at the last meeting from 50/50 tickets. Total Sunshine Fund cash on hand balance is \$34.50. Marion mentioned Judge Nelson's wife passed away – Cierra will send card.

Director – Erin C. Carr, PP, PLS – Erin and Marion are going to Michigan meeting Saturday.

Committees:

Finance – Jennifer Meade/Cierra Sowle – Schwan's has started, Panera Bread fundraiser to be held on Thursday, December 10th, Christmas Open House, first week of December – Cierra/Jen to check on availability of conference room.

Court Observance – Jodi Snyder – Lily Missions. Group discussed the options:

There are several options available: The elective time is 5:30-6:30 where the kids can choose which activity to do like cooking, crafts etc. If we want to do all the kids at one time it would be 4:45 to 5:30. If we want to do 2 separate groups on the same day we could go from 4 to 4:45 and

then a 2nd group from 5 to 5:45. We can do it on 1 date or separate into different dates. I told her maybe a mini mock trial or an educational mini seminar about the Statue of Liberty. I remember the theme being Life Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness. That is how I tied the Statue of Liberty into it. I will see Heather Monday, Sept. 21. If we choose to go that route we can work on some dates.

The group decided 5:30-6:30 for the educational seminar is the best idea for Court Observance.

Program/Reservation – Robyn Winneroski – next meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, DNR Officer to be speaker, Big Brother Big Sister as backup. Marriage Matters to be speaker in January 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendments to Bylaws: Proposed amendments to the bylaws were distributed by email to all members. Motion by Erin, seconded by Patti: I move that the amendments to the bylaws be adopted.

Motion by LeeAnna, seconded by Cierra: I move that Article IV, Section A, Regular Meetings, be amended to delete subparagraph J(1) and that Section B be amended to say the regular meetings in February or March shall be known as the annual meeting. The amendment to the motion and the amended motion was adopted.

Motion by Erin, seconded by Patti: I move to amend Article IV, Section A, Regular Meetings to include "monthly meetings except August and December." The motion was adopted.

Guest speaker Diane Berry spoke about membership, upcoming meetings and speakers, how to get certified, the importance of legal education, and the history of NALS.

NALS OF MICHIGAN

Seminar and Board meeting September 17.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NALS of Jackson County Board Meeting – October 13, 2015, Noon, Courthouse
NALS of Michigan – September 19, 2015, Lansing
NALS of Jackson County – October meeting tba
NALS 64rd Annual Education Conference, October 8-10, Las Vegas, Nevada

Adjourn: 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by
Cierra Sowle
Acting Recording Secretary

Director's Report

I attended the NALS of Michigan board meeting and seminar held on September 19, 2015, in Lansing. Four chapters were absent from this meeting and there were no first timers who attended. There was a recommendation from the Board that we fund Wil Antonides and Jodi Velez to the Tulsa Professional Conference in February 2016. It was voted to fund them.

Financial review noted the treasurer's records are in order. There was discussion on the bond premium of \$450 which was over budget by \$350. The bond is a new format and covers all members and officers who are acting on behalf of NALS of Michigan, not just the treasurer. The over budget item was approved. It was also noted that the 2015 NALS of Michigan annual meeting profited \$3,709.28!

It was brought to our attention that there are three chapters who are close to losing their NALS Charters - Calhoun, Genesee and Berrien-Cass. Calhoun has been extended for another year. Genesee and Berrien-Cass will be losing their charters.

It was also reported that the membership chair had resigned, so the search is on for a new chair for this committee. The 2016 annual meeting will be April 7-10, 2016, at Laurel Park Marriot. Room rates are \$84 (king) and \$94 (double/double). There is a link on the NALS of Michigan website to the hotel. Deadline for hotel reservations is **March 18, 2016**. The scrip fee was approved at \$140 for full scrip. Also, because the meeting is earlier than usual, we must move things up a few weeks. Nominations for officers will be due December 11, 2015.

It was reported that the 2017 annual meeting will be at Double Tree Hilton in Grand Rapids April 21-23, 2017. The Friday evening welcome event will be held at Meijer Gardens.

The State Bar annual meeting will be held October 7-9, 2015 in Novi. Michelle Spiker reported that she had enough volunteers, but could always use more.

Wil Antonides brought up the possibility of a two year term for President and all-member voting. Anyone with comments, suggestions, etc. should get them to Wil.

Judges were approved for Legal Professional of the Year.

It was voted to delete the standing rule that defines that annual meetings will be held in four quadrants of the state, on a rotating basis. Members felt this was restricting chapters to bid for annual meeting. This was originally done because chapters weren't bidding to host annual meeting, but that doesn't seem to be the case now.

It was reported at the scholarship meeting that the treasurer's files were reviewed and all was in order. There is a campaign going on to save our change and turn it in to be added to the scholarship funds. A flyer explaining this is attached to this report. I will have the "change jar" at upcoming NALS of Jackson County events, so come with your spare change to donate.

Remember NALS of Michigan officer/chairman reports are available on the NALS of Michigan website and they always have lots of information! Also, NALS of Michigan puts out a 10th of the Month memo which should be coming to your email. If you aren't getting it, please let me know.

Respectively submitted
Erin C. Carr, PP, PLS
Director 2015-16

JACKSON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION AND NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY

ONGOING BOOK DRIVE SHARE WITH CO-WORKERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY

**WE ARE COLLECTING NEW AND USED
PAPERBACK BOOKS TO DONATE TO
THE JACKSON COUNTY JAIL LIBRARY.
DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO JUDGE
MAZUR OR JENNIFER MEADE.
WE WILL TAKE CARE OF GETTING THEM
OVER TO THE JAIL.**



NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY

COURT OBSERVANCE

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

5:15 p.m.



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Mission Statement: Our core purpose is to enhance the quality of life for youth, adults, and families through faith based understanding of the world around us.

41 years after the Court Observance Week proclamation was signed, NALS continues each year to recognize the second full week of October as Court Observance Week. NALS members have upheld the legacy established by this proclamation by sponsoring and participating in themed activities that promote understanding of courtroom procedures. This year's theme is Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Please join us for a presentation about the Statue of Liberty.

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NALS OF MICHIGAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



It is with great pleasure that the NALS of Michigan Scholarship Fund announces its 2015-2016 fundraising campaign. All chapter and at large members are encouraged to collect their change and others' change to be contributed to the Scholarship fund. As you know, we usually award a scholarship each year to a student enrolled in a school of advanced education in the legal field. This year we are not awarding the annual scholarship and are concentrating on raising money so that in future years this scholarship may be awarded.

RULES: Collect change by placing the collection jar on your counter at work, your counter at home, and anywhere else your change collects. Instead of carrying around all that change, drop it in the container and once a month at your chapter meetings collect and count the change. Send a check for the change amount to me and it will be placed in the NALS of Michigan Scholarship Fund. Be sure to collect regularly and send along. I will keep track of the amount of change collected by each Chapter and the At-Large members.

REWARD: At the June 2016 Board of Directors meeting, a prize will be awarded to the Chapter or At-Large Members that have the highest percentage of contributions per member. So that means that a small Chapter or the At-Large group is just as likely to win the prize as a large Chapter.

Use the attached sheet as a wrap-around on a small jelly jar to collect your change. Let's get going because **YOUR CHANGE CAN MAKE A WHALE OF A DIFFERENCE.**

Send contributions of change to:
Check payable to NALS of Michigan Scholarship Fund
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