

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: SEPTEMBER 9

Legal Project:

Michelle Haskin encouraged members to buy and sell tickets for their Fund Raising raffle.

Judicial Screening Committee:

Orange Sullivan Chapter will defer to us on screening. We should have results before October Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

We are in solid financial health.

Women in Government:

Plan to use a graduate student to conduct research for Career Opportunities for women attorneys in state government and to increase pool of members.

Domestic Violence Committee:

Michelle Haskin reported that Legal Project is doing a bag lunch, on October 7, and there will be training December 5 with Legal Aid and The Legal Project. Training is free if participants agree to take two pro bono cases.

Lobbying:

Michelle Haskin reported on the issue of WBASNY lobbying on behalf of our organization.

Executive Director Report:

Ava Charne reported that Channel 9 and Fox News will be at White House Event. She will update our yearly calendar on our website under Resources. Letters were sent for membership renewal.

Maternity Leave Survey:

Linda Clark reported that the goal is to have a full report by Spring 2009.

Public Relations:

Glinessa Gailliard reported that we have hired PR consultant Pauline Bartel for the White House Project event

Membership:

Joanne Sternhemier reported that the Career Panel at Albany Law School is scheduled for September 24. Members are asked to invite nonmembers to the upcoming Kick Off Event.

Programming:

Susan Dolin reported that a Chamber Chat with Judge Hummel is scheduled for October 8. It will be a bag lunch. An October 30 event with Suzy Yoga is also scheduled.

Dress for Success is accepting Fall/Winter Clothing. Drop off items at 333 Sheridan Avenue, Albany. Clothes can also be donated to Unity House in Troy.

CLE:

Susan Dautel reported that a November program will be held the week of the 17th on ethics. The Committee on Professional Standards will speak on gender issues.

Long-Term Planning:

Jill Dunn reported. Co-Chairs (Linda Clark, Cindy Platt, Eileen Stack) have developed a strategy for end of year goals. The Bylaw Amendments should be approved by May, 2009. Strategic Planning issues include mission, vision, and goals; by-laws, committees, and structure; and where are we going

Awards:

Susan Dautel reported that we need assistance in finding nominees for the State Bar Ruth Shapiro, Kate Crawford Murray, and Attorney Professionalism Awards.

Mentoring:

Cara Brousseau reported that they are working on a speed mentoring program.

Breast Cancer:

Yvonne Marciano reported that the Susan Koreman walk is scheduled for October 14.

New Business:

Michelle Haskin reported for Noreen Grimmick, who seeks to do a survey and start a committee for members caring for elderly relatives, and parents.