**HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The monthly meeting of the Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association was held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at the Cooper House.  President, Derek Simpson Vice President/President-Elect, Mark Debro, Treasurer, Ty Shepard, and Secretary, Page Banks, presided.  Frank Caprio gave the invocation.

**MINUTES AND TREASURER’S REPORT**

The minutes from the October 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.  The Treasurer’s report was presented as follows:

Annual dues statement went out about a month and a half ago. There are still several people who have not paid. Monday, new notices will go out with late fee penalties associated. After that, any member who has not paid will suffer repercussions such as 1) loss of future CLE and 2) notice given to Indigent Defense that the member is no longer in good standing with the Bar.

BAR ASSOCIATION

            Compass General Account:                                        $85,046.00

             Compass CD:                                                              $25,000.00

Compass Money Market: $85,182.00

            Compass Ben Boyanton Scholarship Account:          $8,642.00

            Regions Sarah Jaye Daye Scholarship Account:        $53,736.00

           Regions Sarah Jaye Daye Scholarship CD:                $68,256.00

            LAW FOUNDATION

            Compass Account:                                                      $27,465.00

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Derek Simpson called upon members to introduce guests. No guests were presented.

**Membership and Professionalism Committee**

Jeremiah Hodges proposed the following for membership: Alison Dennis, Maurice Fitzgerald, Sonja Rene Russell, and Kimberly Ginty.

**Young Lawyers Committee**

**Trey Woodfin announced that the Young Lawyers were hosting a Happy Hour at Old Town Beer Exchange on November 1, 2017 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**Continuing Legal Education Committee**

Mark Debro reminded everyone there would not be a Lunch and Learn for the month of November. The Committee is preparing for the Last Chance Seminar to be held on November 30, 2017 and December 1, 2017.

**Madison County Volunteer Lawyers Program**

Nicole Schroer thanked everyone for their support of Pro Bono Brews. The MCVLP still has volunteer opportunities for months of November and December, including a Family Law Clinic scheduled for December 1, 2017 and the Lawyer For A Day Program, which will occur every Tuesday and Wednesday until the end of the year. Taze Shephard announced upcoming changes to the MCVLP website. Soon, volunteers will have the ability to login in to review and select cases needing assistance. From that point, the documentation will be sent to the volunteer. There will also be resources available to assist the volunteer such as forms and research. MCVLP is presently working on a panel of experts to offer guidance to the volunteers.

**Announcements**

Mark Debro announced that Sarah Henson has a new book out titled Devils Within. She will have a book signing at Angel’s Island on November 2, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

**PROGRAM**

Brent Beal introduced our speaker, John H. Merrill

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Page Banks                                          Cindy Seeley

Secretary                                             Executive Director