

CACJS Minutes for July 22, 2011 meeting at the Jennifer Putman Meeting Room,
Brookens Adm. Center, Urbana

Attendance: Rosenbaum, Kessel, Ammons, Weibel, Brown, Miller, Holland

We agreed to have a CACJS Booth at Champ-Urbana Day Aug 13th to help spread the word about our committee and the importance of Jury service. Pius is checking to see if the county clerk will have a booth that we could share, or if they have tables and an awning that we could use. Bill, Pius, Barbara, Aaron agreed to man the booth for at least an hour each but we need more volunteers.

We agreed that the pamphlet: (“Jury selection in Champaign County”) that Bill Brown put together is great but needs the professional editing of Jenny. If she agrees and has the time, the editing would have to be done in time to print enough copies for distribution at CU day on Aug 13th.

Everyone is excited about the new legislation. We agreed to write a letter to the editor and do a press release around the 1st of the year when the law actually takes effect. We will contact the secretary of state during the winter to make sure new legislation will be considered when compiling the new master list.

We want to continue the radio programs we have been doing on WBCP and WEFT. Roger is going to let me know if he can make the 1st Sat in Aug on WBCP. Roger gave an update on jury trial numbers and the size of the jury pool for the past 6 months.

Aaron was invited to present on behalf of CACJS at the League of Women Voters meeting in September. (Hopefully Co-Chair Avery will assist).

We discussed the article by Melissa Merle about her recent jury service and we may want to write our own article about our committee.

There was a proposal to have a panel discussion of ex-jurors (4-5) on UPTV

Post jury service survey is still needed.

For potential jurors and citizens education; an explanation of what is taking place while they wait in the jury assembly room and what they can do to entertain themselves during that time (lots of discussion around electronic devices and the future...).

Jury commissioner resigned (Wanda Adams) but will be replaced soon. Judge may be looking to us to suggest a new name for another replacement later, the appointment is three years.

Next meeting is tentatively set for Aug 19, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Minutes compiled by A. Ammons; revised by C. P. Weibel.