

GENESEE COUNTY CLERKS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 2, 1992, 12:00 P.M., BOSLEY'S RESTAURANT

ATTENDANCE: 29

The Meeting was called to order by Don Becker, President, at 12:49 P.M.

Mr. Becker said there has been some discussion on the possibility of moving the meetings to another place, as Bosley's no longer has a restaurant business, only a catering business. However, he has talked to the person in charge of the catering and they would like to see us keep our monthly meetings at this location if everyone is interested in doing so.

Don Becker turned the meeting over to Janet Johnston, Vice President, to discuss the possibility of moving the monthly meetings from Bosley's to another location.

Janet Johnston said the Executive Committee met in regards to this issue. Several members of the Committee called around to different places to see where we might be able to get a room and buffet only to find that the prices are considerably higher than what we presently pay. One of the problems also was most of the other places want to have the total number of people coming and we would have to pay for that number even if they didn't attend. What we need to know is whether you are pleased with Bosley's and want to stay or are you willing to pay more and try someplace else. If there is a calling committee and each unit of government is called, we can ask the number of people who will be attending the meeting that month.

Richard Saathoff said his only objection is the distance for those who are in the southern part of Genesee County. It is quite a drive and he thinks we should find a place more centrally located for awhile. Several others agreed with the problem of distance in driving.

Janet Johnston said the Committee discussed that and no matter where we go, someone is going to have to drive a considerable distance.

Discussion continued in regards to the location for the monthly meetings. A vote was taken and it was a consensus of the members present to stay at Bosley's for the monthly meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Becker said there will be a meeting on October 13th at the Davison Country Club in regards to the tax proposals. You can get tickets from Phil Maston of Grand Blanc or Janet Niles of Davison (653-9025). The three proposals are as follows: 1) House Joint Resolution H; 2) Cut and Cap; 3) Michigan Homeowners Plan. MTA supports the Cut and Cap Proposal.

On October 7th our Guest Speaker will be Chris Thomas, from State Elections Divisions.

The MTA will meet on Thursday, September 17th at 7:30 P.M. at Atlas Township.

Ginger Spencer said Peggy Proffit has recently had surgery and is doing well. Peggy has 10 voting devices she would like to sell at \$100.00 per device.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doris Carpenter said a meeting was held with the Equalization Department and some units of government will have a 10 digit number and the regular parcel number on the winter tax bills. Those units who receive partial payments can enter them on the computer and Steve will come out and show you how this is done. The next meeting will be held on October 6, 1992 at 9:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

Don Becker said he spoke with the Equalization Department and asked if they could give us some direction as to what they are going to do for the local units of government.

County Commissioner Rose Bogardus, 9th District, said the County voted on passing down the charges to the local units. We are trying to do the best we can and as these charges continue to trickle down, you should keep us aware of what it is doing to you and we will do our very best to help. There is no County Department left where there is more than enough people to run the department. Staffs have been cut to 1/2 of what there were. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

GUEST SPEAKER: Terri Morgan, Lapeer Hospice Organization

Ms. Morgan gave a brief background of the Lapeer Hospice and said they serve many other counties besides Lapeer. They do serve eastern Genesee County.

The hospice program takes care of individuals who are terminally ill. Some people are in the program from 6 months to 24 months or less. The Hospice Care Program provides care to these people in their homes. Many families opt to have their loved ones remain at home and we help them to remain the home. Our service does not end with just the patient, but the entire family.

We have many patients who are still able to mow their lawns, drive cars, etc. We are able to help them have a quality life. Another key part of our program is offering hope. We can't always offer them a cure, but we can offer a quality day. It is our role to give them back their hope. We work with the Senior Citizens, nursing homes and adult foster care homes.

Our nurses assess the needs of each patient and we have people on duty 24 hours 7 days per week. We have a beeper system so no one has to go without help. We never consider a call silly, no matter what the nature of the call is. If there is a need to go to the home, our nurses go to see what they can do for the family.

Another support group we have is the Social Worker. She is there to look at the needs of the family, whether it is financial or just for support and talking through their feelings. We key in on the family needs.

One of the most important things in our program is the time our volunteers are so willing to give. They provide respite for the family during the day or in the evening. They will stay with the patient and reassure the family if the patient has a need that arises, it will be taken care of. These people are the best people to have around and has a great effect on the family.

Many of the people involved in our program will have fund raisers for our families. The patients and families are admitted into our program on an as needed basis. Grants and fund raisers go to help the people who no longer have the ability to pay for these services.

After a death has occurred, we provide bereavement program for a period of 13 to 18 months and help them through the first year and we work with all ages. We have community support and education whereby we go to groups talk about what is grief and how to handle it. This service is provided through the grants we receive. We are open to anyone who has had a loss due to death.

Ms. Moore said she brought along literature on the hospice program and everyone is welcome to take it with them. She then shared a story about spending time with a group of girls who were able to go to camp, at no charge, that had lost someone close to them. She said the kids bonded because they found others who had the same experiences. This will now be an annual program and they have added a concurrent day program for for children in kindergarten through third grade who can come and spend the day. The camp is conducted by volunteers and they have art, music, etc. Ms. Moore said the kids taught the volunteers a great deal about priorities.

Ms. Moore announced that on September 16th at 7:00 P.M. at Lapeer East High School, Dr. Joyce Brothers will be speaking on the topic of coping with grief and loss. Everyone is welcome and the information about this is included with the literature on the table.

Mr. Becker thanked Ms. Moore for attending our meeting and sharing the information with the group.

Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Becker at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC
Secretary

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