

Law Library Board Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2020 meeting.

Those in attendance were Emmalie Brudzinski, Scott County Law Librarian, Jody Kieser Kisting, Assistant Scott County Attorney and Scott County District Court Judge Rex Stacey.

Emmalie Brudzinski has been hired as the new Scott County Law Librarian and she introduced herself to board members. Ms. Brudzinski detailed for the Board some of the work she has been doing since she began her employment. Ms. Brudzinski has been busy meeting with individuals, attending committee meetings and getting to know some of the community groups working in Scott County. She introduced herself at a FISH meeting in March. She also attended a recent meeting of the Metro Coalition of Law Librarians. Emmalie has met with Scott County Court Administration staff and obtained information about what types of questions they often refer patrons to the law library for to receive assistance; including what types of forms are used most frequently by lawyers and pro se litigants; and where additional opportunities may present themselves to better serve patrons. She met with the Southern Metro Regional Legal Services Volunteer Coordinator to discuss the many legal clinics that are offered in Scott County. Their organization will be partnering with the law library in March to offer a divorce clinic.

Emmalie also met with the Scott/Carver Housing Coalition and discussed ways in which the law library can increase communication surrounding landlord and tenants' rights. She met with Barb Hedstrom of the Shakopee Police Department to learn about how Barb helps crime victims in the City of Shakopee and discussed how the law library can build upon that work for other citizens within additional areas of Scott County.

While discussing other work that she will be performing in the near future, Ms. Brudzinski detailed that she will be attending a meeting with the police chiefs in Scott County. She will also be attending a conference in Nashville, Tennessee on the topic of self-represented litigants.

Ms. Brudzinski is working to plan a Law Day Event this spring. In May, she will be presenting information on domestic violence resources at the Metro Coalition of Law Librarians Meeting.

Upcoming Legal Clinics have been scheduled for the month of March, 2020. On March 12 and 26 Legal Advice Clinics will take place in Room 102 of the Scott County Government Center from 4-6 p.m. Patrons will have an opportunity to participate in consultations with a volunteer lawyer for up to thirty minutes on all areas of civil law. Appointments are required. If you are interested in making an appointment, please call 952-496-8713.

On March 17, 2020, a Criminal Expungement Clinic will occur from 1-3 p.m. in Room 112 of the Scott County Government Center. No registration is required. Participants are asked to please bring a copy of their criminal record to the clinic.

Lastly, it was reported that funds have generously been donated toward a memorial in honor of our late Law Librarian, Mary Freyberg. Discussions are still taking place on how to use these funds to commemorate her outstanding work in Scott County.

