

**TEEN COURT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012**

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The Teen Court Advisory Board of the cities of Hurst, Euless and Bedford, Texas met at 6:00 p.m. at Bedford City Hall on the 6th day of September 2012, with the following members present:

HURST: Phoebe Soward, Jason Bess, Tim Beard

EULESS: Renu Sloan, Priscilla Cauley, Warren Wilson

BEDFORD: Janet Key, Jeanne Owers

TEEN REPRESENTATIVES:

Hurst Council Liaison – Anna Holzer

Bedford Council Liaison – Sherri Olsen

Euless Council Liaison –

HEB Teen Court Coordinator – Mindy Eichorst

HEB Teen Court Assistant Coordinator – Linda Stone

Also present:

Hurst City Secretary – Rita Frick

Euless Staff Liaison –

Bedford Court Manager – Doug Campbell

Hurst Court Manager –

HEB Teen Court Clerk—Rachel Gomez

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson, Renu Sloan, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with a quorum of six Board Members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Consider approval of the following Teen Court Advisory Board minutes:
a) June 7, 2012 regular meeting**

Minutes of the June 7, 2012 Board Meeting were reviewed. Janet Key made a motion to accept the minutes and Phoebe Soward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Discuss a mission statement for the Teen Court Advisory Board.

There was a lot of discussion about a mission statement. This has been a discussion for over a year about what to change, if anything, and to get the wording correct, take it to the city attorneys and to all three city councils. Did the board want to have a working lunch on a Saturday in the near future or a suggestion of working dinner during the week? The board decided they would like to meet as a group in October as a work session.

3. Discuss any other suggestions for altering, amending, or repealing any other sections of the by-laws.

The by-laws have been discussed on numerous regular board meetings and end up taking over the meeting. Priscilla Cauley suggested a weekend session to go over only the by-laws but also mentioned that everyone has a busy schedule. Phoebe Soward has mentioned all the board has done at the past several meetings is go around and around about the by-laws. It was suggested that the new members do need a little time to look over the by-laws. Vice Chairperson Renu Sloan mentioned several members need to go over the wording of all of the articles of the by-laws.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Introduce new advisory board alternate members from the City of Bedford.

All of the advisory board members introduced themselves.

5. Recognize the Teen Court volunteers at the City of Bedford's 4thFest and discuss the contribution to the Teen Court Scholarship Fund.

Teen Court Coordinator Mindy Eichorst wanted to thank all of the volunteers who helped out at the City of Bedford's 4thFest. They were located at Pennington Field assisting with the ticket sales for the shuttle for the patrons to the Bedford Boys' Ranch. There was only one advisory board member who volunteered and the rest were teen court adult and teen volunteers. The City of Bedford will make a donation into the Teen Court Scholarship fund for a total of \$1500.00. Ms. Eichorst did advise this will be the last time that we will volunteer due to the extremely hot and unsatisfactory conditions in the room we used. This also means there will be no more donations from the City of Bedford.

6. Discuss ideas for fundraisers.

Other options for ways of raising money to use for senior teen volunteer scholarships need to be discussed. Since HEB Teen Court will no longer be receiving the donations from the City of Bedford for any of their Special Events, Coordinator Mindy Eichorst advised that the Advisory Board needs to come up with some ideas for raising some money to replenish the Teen Scholarship Fund. Board member Phoebe Soward mentioned she would get in touch with the HEB Chamber of Commerce and see about speaking at one of their luncheons about fundraising. Phoebe Soward also mentioned Papa John's Pizza and how they have fundraising programs for various organizations. She mentioned that on a certain night every pizza you order there a dollar will be donated to your organization. She stated she would look into that a bit more too and get back with the board members.

7. Discuss items as they relate to the Annual Teen Court Scholarship Banquet.

HEB Teen Court Coordinator Mindy Eichorst explained that the banquet is several months away but wanted to get the board members thinking about several aspects of the banquet. A date, location, and speaker are the main things that need to be addressed and start coming up with suggestions and allowing enough time.

8. Discuss that September is Teen Court Month.

Teen Court staff is letting the entire adult and teen volunteers know how much we appreciate them by having snacks available for them during the month of September. On both September 10 and September 24, the board members are invited to come and enjoy some snacks and observe our teen court sessions.

9. Set the date for the next Teen Court Advisory Board Meeting.

The next HEB Teen Court meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4 at 6:00 pm at Bedford City Hall upstairs conference room, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive. This will be a work meeting to discuss the HEB Teen Court's mission statement and go over the by-laws only.

REPORTS

Mindy Eichorst presented the Coordinator's Report and Financial Report for the months of June, July, and August 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Phoebe Soward entered a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Jeanne Owers seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Renu Sloan, Vice Chairperson