

**TEEN COURT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2014**

**STATE OF TEXAS           §**

**COUNTY OF TARRANT   §**

**CITY OF BEDFORD       §**

**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 7th day of August 2014, with the following members present:**

HURST: Phoebe Soward

EULESS: Renu Sloan, Warren Wilson

BEDFORD: Jeanne Owers, Kathleen Toms

TEEN REPRESENTATIVES:

Hurst Council Liaison – Anna Holzer

Bedford Council Liaison — Steve Farco

Euless Council Liaison –

HEB Teen Court Coordinator – Mindy Eichorst

HEB Teen Court Assistant Coordinator –

Also present:

Hurst Deputy City Secretary – Cynthia Singleton

Euless Staff Liaison – Teresa Alexander

Bedford Court Manager –

Hurst Court Manager –

HEB Teen Court Clerk-

Bedford Administrative Services Director-

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Phoebe Soward called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with a quorum of five Board Members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Consider approval of the following Teen Court Advisory Board minutes:  
a) March 6, 2014 regular meeting.**

Minutes of the March 6, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. Kathleen Toms made a motion to accept the minutes and Renu Sloan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Introductions**

Steve Farco, Bedford Councilperson liaison and Cynthia Singleton, Hurst Deputy City Secretary, attended for Rita Frick, City Secretary.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **3. Discuss ideas for fundraisers.**

Secretary Kathleen Toms mentioned that Marco's Pizza in Bedford has a different manager and district manager every time she tries to talk with them. Chairperson Phoebe Soward mentioned Chick-Fil-A and their fundraisers and the locations of the restaurants two in Hurst and one in Eules. Kathleen Toms mentioned they are a good fundraiser and could possibly give 20 % back to the group for one day. It was suggested to talk with Steve and Debbie Vincent, franchise owners of one of the restaurants. Bedford Council Liaison, Steve Farco, suggested a bowl-a-thon at Showplace Lanes in Eules. Vice Chairperson Warren Wilson advised he would check into this opportunity. There was a discussion of involving the teen volunteers with the fundraisers and Ms. Soward offered to attend a teen court and talk with the teen volunteers and get their opinions of fundraisers and their involvement of assisting the Advisory Board.

### **4. Discuss and possibly take action on items as they relate to the 2014 annual Teen Court Banquet.**

Vice-Chairperson Warren Wilson contacted Teen Court Coordinator Mindy Eichorst about getting comparisons of profits from the Teen Court Scholarship Banquets for the past couple of years. A chart with the years of 2011 through 2014 was presented to all Advisory Board Members and then to all present at the meeting. After comparing the results of the past 4 years, a discussion of how to recognize the volunteer teens was brought up. Mr. Wilson suggested a presentation in front of peers in a courtroom while Ms. Soward suggested a more efficient way but making it a personal recognition. Ms. Soward then asked if this topic could be added to the next agenda to discuss further.

### **5. Discuss and possibly take action on a sponsorship/information flier for Advisory Board Members.**

A flier to include sponsorship and donation options was something the Advisory Board Members wanted to still work on. Kathleen Toms made a motion to have a sponsorship/information flier and Warren Wilson seconded the motion. This was a unanimous vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **6. Discuss the overview of HEB Teen Court Program including the following:**

- a) **Volunteers**
- b) **Defendants**
- c) **Discipline Grid**
- d) **Community Service**

Teen Court Coordinator Mindy Eichorst discussed the overview of Teen Court. She mentioned she is always looking for both adult and teen volunteers. A few suggestions of contacts were Lisa Karr at HEB ISD Tech School and also Nancy Shane, L.D. Bell International Baccalaureate Coordinator.

### **7. Discuss and possibly take action on a teen liaison application.**

Teen Court Coordinator Mindy Eichorst handed each Advisory Board Member a copy of the teen liaison application for Dakota Ridgway. After some discussion, Advisory Board Member Renu Sloan made a

motion to have Dakota Ridgway as a Teen Liaison representing Trinity High School and Jeanne Owers seconded the motion. This was a unanimous vote by all Advisory Board Members.

**8. Discuss and possibly take action on items as they relate to the 2015 annual Teen Court Banquet.**

A continuation from the earlier discussion about the 2014 annual Teen Court Banquet, Chairperson Phoebe Soward mentioned an event, whatever it may be, needs to be organized in a timely fashion. Advisory Board Member Jeanne Owers mentioned she liked the idea of a reception in a courtroom instead of a banquet. Advisory Board Member Renu Sloan challenged all of the Advisory Board Members to bring at least one contact to the next meeting.

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

The next HEB Teen Court meeting will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bedford City Hall upstairs conference room, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive.

**REPORTS**

Mindy Eichorst presented the Coordinator's Report and Financial Report for the months of March, April, May, June, and July 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Warren Wilson entered a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Renu Sloan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



**Phoebe Soward, Chairperson**