

**TEEN COURT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2017**

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COUNTY OF TARRANT §

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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 5th day of January 2017, with the following members present:

HURST: Lorrie Dickerson, Aaron Switzer, Jen Tucker, Destiny Froust

EULESS: Robin Edwards, Moses Vakalahi

BEDFORD: Kathleen Toms

TEEN REPRESENTATIVES:

Hurst Council Liaison – Trasa Cobern

Bedford Council Liaison – Dave Gebhart

Euless Council Liaison – Eddie Price

HEB Teen Court Coordinator – Mindy Eichorst

HEB Teen Court Assistant – Linda Stone

Also present:

Hurst City Secretary – Rita Frick

Euless Staff Liaison – Teresa Alexander

Bedford Court Manager – Doug Campbell

Hurst Court Manager –

HEB Teen Court Teen Liaison-

Bedford Administrative Services Director-

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kathleen Toms called the meeting to order at 6:01 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) November 3, 2016 Regular Meeting**

Jen Tucker made a motion to approve the November 3, 2016 minutes and Moses Vakalahi seconded the motion and all were in favor.

2. Introductions

There were several new Members that were appointed to the HEB Teen Court Advisory Board within the past few months. Everyone introduced themselves and stated which city they

represented. Teen Court Coordinator Mindy Eichorst handed out folders and went over the next Teen Court dates to come and observe.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

3. Hold Election and vote for 2017 officer positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary.

Ms. Eichorst handed out the By-Laws about the officer positions and she established who could vote. Advisory Board Member Lorrie Dickerson nominated Kathleen Toms for the Chairperson position. There were no other nominations for this position. Jen Tucker seconded this nomination and the vote was unanimous for Kathleen Toms to be the Chairperson. Kathleen Toms nominated Lorrie Dickerson for the Vice-Chairperson position. There were no other nominations for this position. Jen Tucker seconded this nomination and the vote was unanimous for Lorrie Dickerson to be Vice-Chairperson. Kathleen Toms nominated Jen Tucker for the Secretary position. There were no other nominations for this position. Lorrie Dickerson seconded this nomination and the vote was unanimous for Jen Tucker to be Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Discuss ideas for fundraisers/sponsorship.

Ms. Eichorst passed out a revised sponsorship packet that the Board Members can take to businesses. The goal throughout the year is to have sponsors and raise money for the teen scholarships. There was discussion to have a link for community members to donate to the scholarship fund. There were two locations for links to be placed on the City of Bedford website. One of the locations would be a direct link to the Teen Court website and the other would be the main City of Bedford website under "I Would Like to Make a Donation To" where there are several options to donate within the City of Bedford. The Board Members discussed this and decided they would like to have both of the links available for donations. All Board Members were in favor. Advisory Board Member Moses Vakalahi mentioned he thought that a tri-fold pamphlet would be easier to hand out to the businesses as opposed to a three page packet. Advisory Board Member Jen Tucker advised she would be able to create a tri-fold, but that it might take a bit of time.

Ms. Eichorst explained the volunteer program and how that is different than the teens that volunteer and eligible for a scholarship. Chairperson Toms discussed what the scholarships were and who could apply for a scholarship to the new Advisory Board Members.

5. Discuss and possibly take action on items as they relate to the 2017 annual Teen Court Gala.

Advisory Board Member Lorrie Dickerson advised she has someone in mind for a speaker for the Gala. She mentioned Smithfield Middle School Principal Kyle Pekurney, Birdville ISD. She mentioned he is a great speaker and would be able to connect with the teens. Advisory Board Member Moses Vakalahi advised that he knew of a potential speaker. He mentioned Charles Clark, who is a custodian at Trinity High School, and has been recognized several years in a row for connecting with teens. He has spoken at different events in the past and might be willing to speak at this event.

Ms. Eichorst mentioned that she had found out that the date for the Gala, April 20, 2017, had to be switched to Thursday, April 27, 2017 due to another event that same evening. She mentioned the Board is penciled in for the new date of April 27, 2017 at this time. A vote would be needed so that there is an agreement to change the date. All Advisory Board Members were in favor of the new date of Thursday, April 27, 2017. Ms. Eichorst then asked about the colors for the invitations and decorations for the Gala. The main colors of silver, gold, and black have been used in the past and everyone was in agreement with using those same colors. It was discussed about having the Save The Date cards again this year and can the cards mention credit cards, cash, and checks can be used. Ms. Eichorst will check with the silent auction company, All For Gooooood, to see if they might be available for the new date, April 27, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discuss and possibly take action on a date for the Teen Court Scholarship Application Committee.

Board Members Jen Tucker and Kathleen Toms mentioned they would like to be involved with the Gala and on a committee. A date of Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Bedford City Hall was the unanimous decision.

7. Discuss and possibly take action on a date for the Teen Court Scholarship Application Committee to meet and review applications.

Board Members Robin Edwards, Moses Vakalahi, Kathleen Toms, and Aaron Switzer mentioned they would like to be involved with the Scholarship Committee. A decision of Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at Bedford City Hall, upstairs conference room, was made and all voted in favor.

8. Set and possibly take action on a date for the next Teen Court Advisory Board Meeting.

Jen Tucker made a motion to have the next meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Bedford City Hall, and Robin Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Teen Court Coordinator Mindy Eichorst went over the Coordinator's Report and Finance Report for the months of November and December 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Aaron Switzer entered a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Moses Vakalahi seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



Kathleen Toms, Chairperson