

**TEEN COURT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2013**

**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 5th day of September 2013, with the following members present:**

HURST: Phoebe Soward, Tim Beard, Jason Bess  
EULESS: Renu Sloan, Warren Wilson, Priscilla Cauley  
BEDFORD: Jeanne Owers, Janet Key, Kathleen Toms  
TEEN REPRESENTATIVES:

Hurst Council Liaison – Anna Holzer  
Bedford Council Liaison – Ray Champney  
Euless Council Liaison – Linda Martin  
HEB Teen Court Coordinator – Mindy Eichorst  
HEB Teen Court Assistant Coordinator –

Also present:

Hurst City Secretary – Rita Frick  
Euless Staff Liaison – Teresa Alexander  
Bedford Court Manager –  
Hurst Court Manager –  
HEB Teen Court Clerk-  
Bedford Administrative Services Director-  
Euless Citizen—Debbie Griffith

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Renu Sloan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with a quorum of nine Board Members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Consider approval of the following Teen Court Advisory Board minutes:  
a) June 6, 2013 regular meeting.**

Minutes of the June 6, 2013 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. Jeanne Owers made a motion to accept the minutes and Kathleen Toms seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## OLD BUSINESS

### **2. Discuss ideas for fundraisers.**

Jason Bess asked what the status was on speaking at one of the Chamber of Commerce meetings about the HEB Teen Court Program. Phoebe Soward mentioned that when she had spoken to a representative of the Chamber, she was advised that an organization cannot go and give a speech. Kathleen Toms mentioned that due to the economy and the construction, a lot of the businesses in the area have been affected. She did mention that Marco's Pizza in Bedford said they would sponsor the organization for a night. It was also mentioned that Manager Ernie Flores with the Euless Chik-Fil-A is always interested in assisting with organizations. Jeanne Owers asked if there was a list of all of the attorneys and law firms in the HEB area. She mentioned there are several offices located on Harwood Road and wanted to know if anyone has spoken with them. Coordinator Mindy Eichorst mentioned there was not just one list for attorneys and law firms in the HEB area. Jeanne Owers then wanted to know about the law firms sponsoring specific teens and have it more of an outreach. Vice-Chairperson Priscilla Cauley brought up an idea to have all of the Advisory Board members make contact with two or three businesses before the next meeting. Jason Bess, who works at a Ft. Worth Law Firm, mentioned that name recognition and their logo in a city magazine, on a shirt, and on the website would be incentives for the businesses. One other option would be to have dedicated tables at the banquet for certain levels of sponsorship. Jason Bess mentioned he would make a sample flier for the Advisory Board members to look over at the next meeting and then take it to the different businesses so they have information about HEB Teen Court and the Scholarship Banquet and sponsorship possibilities.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **3. Discuss the Papa John's Pizza fundraising partnership.**

Teen Court Coordinator Mindy Eichorst explained that in June she went to drop off the fliers to Papa John's Pizza in Bedford and a new manager was present. She explained what the fliers were for and asked that they get passed along to Michelle, one of the other managers at that location and he explained she no longer worked there. Mindy explained to the new manager that the fliers were taped to the top of pizza boxes and the "special" for HEB Teen Court was good on the first and third Thursdays. This new manager showed no interest in the fliers or the program. The partnership between HEB Teen Court and Papa John's Pizza in Bedford has been terminated.

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

Chairperson Renu Sloan asked the Advisory Board Members if they want to have a banquet in the spring. Secretary Phoebe Soward mentioned the banquet needs to give a little more recognition to the teens. Vice-Chairperson Priscilla Cauley mentioned the banquet is for the teens first and the Board needs to focus on them. Kathleen Toms mentioned speakers and possibly having a younger speaker, maybe one that can relate to the teens. She also mentioned about making the event a little less formal, possibly a pizza party. It was discussed about having the banquet at Texas Star, Hurst Conference Center, or possibly at the Bedford Library. This item was tabled until the next Advisory Board meeting.

### **6. Set a date for the next Teen Court Advisory Board Meeting.**

The next HEB Teen Court meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2013 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 June, July and August 2013.

## ADJOURNMENT

Phoebe Soward entered a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Warren Wilson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



**Renu Sloan, Chairperson**