

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

**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 6th day of December 2012, with the following members present:**

**HURST:** Phoebe Soward, Tim Beard, Cecilia Vaughn

**EULESS:** Renu Sloan, Priscilla Cauley, Warren Wilson

**BEDFORD:** Janet Key, Kathleen Toms

**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 –

Also present:

Hurst City Secretary – Rita Frick

Euless Staff Liaison – Teresa Alexander

Bedford Court Manager – Doug Campbell

Hurst Court Manager –

HEB Teen Court Clerk—

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairperson Renu Sloan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum of eight Board Members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Consider approval of the following Teen Court Advisory Board minutes:  
a) September 6, 2012 regular meeting and October 4, 2012 working session**

Minutes of the September 6, 2012 Regular Board Meeting and the October 4, 2012 Work Session were reviewed. Kathleen Toms made a motion to accept the minutes and Warren Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Vice Chairperson Renu Sloan mentioned we had already discussed this at our last meeting.

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

Advisory Board member Phoebe Soward had spoken with management at RJ Gators Restaurant, located in the City of Hurst, in reference to raising money for the Teen Court Scholarship Fund. Management mentioned our organization could have one or two nights per month where a certain percentage of the proceeds from that evening would be donated. Ms. Soward also mentioned she talked with several restaurants around the Northeast Mall area and they are possibly willing to give a gift card for our silent auction. Some of the places she checked with required we apply online. Vice Chairperson Renu Sloan mentioned she has been in contact with Michelle from Papa John's and they are willing to donate a percentage of the proceeds from a certain evening. She is still working on some of the details and will get back with the board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4. Discuss which advisory board member will be meeting with the Cities of Hurst, Eules, and Bedford's city attorneys and city councils about bylaw changes.**

A staff member from each city will meet with their own city attorney and discuss the changes involving the by-laws and the mission statement. Once that has been approved by the city attorney, the changes can be put on the next city council agenda to get approved by each of the cities' city council.

### **5. Discuss the Teen Court Advisory Board officer positions.**

There are three officer positions within the Teen Court Advisory Board. These positions are: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary and their duties are listed in the By-Laws under Article 2. Kathleen Toms had asked how the process works for voting. It was explained that at the January meeting nominations will be taken and then there will be either a verbal or ballot vote for each position.

### **6. Discuss items as they relate to the annual Teen Court Scholarship Banquet.**

Vice Chairperson Renu Sloan had asked the board members if they wanted to have another banquet and some questions were raised. Kathleen Toms wanted to know approximately how much money was raised from the silent and live auction. Coordinator Mindy Eichorst had some figures with her from the 2011 banquet and gave those but said will get the figures from the 2012 banquet for the next meeting. Kathleen Toms mentioned working with a car dealership in the area where they would give away a car. Our organization would have to come up with a certain amount of money (example \$20,000) by selling tickets. Warren Wilson then asked if enough of the tickets were not sold, what happens. Kathleen Toms said the money will be given back to each who participated. There were concerns about not being able to reach that amount of money. Renu Sloan then asked about doing this on a smaller scale? A few others mentioned a raffle with tickets sold and awareness about our banquet and program is being mentioned. The Hurst City Council Liaison cautioned we need to be careful with having a raffle and the legal implications. She suggested checking with the City Attorney. A venue, date and speaker for the banquet need to be discussed and decided on as soon as possible. Renu Sloan mentioned a possible speaker who is a corporate attorney that she knows and has spoken with. She will speak with him more in depth once we have a few more details. Coordinator Mindy Eichorst

explained there are two different committees that assist with the banquet and if anyone is interested in volunteering on one or both of them, to let her know. The first committee, the Scholarship Application Committee, looks over the senior teen volunteer applications and helps decide on an amount for a scholarship to a university. The second committee, the Banquet Scholarship Committee, helps with decisions with the silent and live auctions, decorations, menu, venue, and date of the banquet. The following have expressed interest to be on the Scholarship Application Committee: Priscilla Cauley, Tim Beard, and Janet Key. The following have expressed interest to be on the Scholarship Banquet Committee: Kathleen Toms, Warren Wilson, and Cecilia Vaughn.

**7. Discuss suggestions for recognition of former Advisory Board Officers.**

A suggestion from the former Chairperson Kay Goad came up of recognizing former Secretary Lois Campbell for her many years as secretary on the Teen Court Advisory Board. Hurst City Secretary Rita Frick mentioned that all volunteers are recognized and there are levels of recognition. Vice Chairperson Renu Sloan mentioned they could be invited and recognized at the banquet. Priscilla Cauley then mentioned how far back do you go. Do you go back a couple of years or when this program started? Warren Wilson suggested do you start something now and move forward. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

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

The next HEB Teen Court meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 6:00 pm at 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 September, October, and November 2012.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Janet Key entered a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Priscilla Cauley seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



**Renu Sloan, Vice Chairperson**