

TEEN COURT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
MEETING OF June 5, 2008

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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 7th day of August, 2008, with the following members present:

HURST: Patricia Webb, Lois Campbell, Karen Spencer

EULESS: Charles Cinquemani

BEDFORD: Debbie Kimbriel

TEEN REPRESENTATIVES: Logan Brooks

Hurst Council Liaison –

Bedford Council Liaison – Ray Champney

Euless Council Liaison – Linda Martin, Mayor Pro Tem

HEB Teen Court Coordinator – Dorothy Tyler

HEB Teen Court Assistant Coordinator –

Also present:

Hurst City Secretary –

Euless Staff Liaison – Teresa Alexander

Bedford Staff Liaison –

Bedford Court Manager – Doug Campbell

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Charles Cinquemani called the meeting to order at 6:00PM with a quorum of (6) six Board Members present.

INTRODUCTIONS

Charles Cinquemani introduced Karen Spencer, newly appointed Board Member from Hurst.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Charles Cinquemani reviewed the minutes of the June 5, 2008 meeting. Pat Webb motioned to accept the minutes as written. Lois Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously and minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Fourth Fest

- Dorothy Tyler reported the City of Bedford donated \$1500.00 to the Teen Court Scholarship for Teen Court's work at the Fourthfest. Teen Court staff, Advisory Board Members and teen volunteers worked the shuttle ticket booth, selling 2812 tickets. Dorothy thanked Board Members, Charles Cinquemani, Petelo Vakauta, Pat Webb, Debbie Kimbriel, Savannah Talbert, Logan Brooks and teen volunteer Sarah Morris for their help at this event.

July Teen Training

- Dorothy Tyler reported 22 teens attended the training held on July 17, 2008, including 8 new volunteers. Dorothy conducted the program orientation and attorney Jennifer Tourje spoke with the teens about presentation techniques. Attorney Brian Willett presided as the Judge over the 8 mock trials and provided the teens with critiques. Adult volunteers Pat Webb, Sharon Hines and Chris Brooks acted as the jury and gave the teens written evaluations.
- Chipotle provided a complimentary dinner and coupons for each teen.
- Door prizes were donated by NE Mall Simon Properties, Incredible Pizza of Euless, Hurst Aquatics, Bedford Splash, and McDonald's.
- Evaluations by the teens were very positive.

NEW BUSINESS

Springwood Educational Classes Update

- Dorothy Tyler reported she met with the Director of HEB Springwood regarding the classes they provide for the Class IV offenders. Teen Court staff will discontinue providing slots for NRH Teen Court due to the class size limit and the need to use these slots for HEB teens. Springwood will discontinue the Tobacco class and substitute it with additional "Making Better Choices" classes in 2009.

Community Service Sites/Options Needed

- Dorothy Tyler reported that there is a need for more community service sites since several have limited participation to only teens who are 16 years old or older and excluding Class IV offenders. Dorothy reported another donation option has been added, allowing teens to make donations to the Bedford Animal Shelter. Also, a special limited time donation program for the HEB ISD's Clothes Closet allows teens to donate school supplies for community service credit.
- Dorothy Tyler encouraged Board Members to advise her of any opportunities available for teens to work as volunteers.

Teen Board Member Replacement Process

- Dorothy Tyler reported she notified teen volunteers in late May that there would be an opening for the Trinity High Representative position on the Board due to Logan Brooks graduating. Charles Cinquemani advised that there is no set schedule on appointing Teen Representatives so applications can be requested as soon as possible.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

- Dorothy Tyler reported the City of Bedford donated \$1500.00 to the Teen Court Scholarship for Teen Court's work at the Fourthfest. The check will be posted on the August financial report.
- Dorothy Tyler reported the \$150.00 expense was the payment for the speaker at the Scholarship Banquet. Payment was authorized by the Board during the June Board Meeting.
- Dorothy reviewed the Coordinator's Report statistics.
- Pat Webb expressed her concern with the number of terminations for the city of Hurst.
- Dorothy advised the Board that cases are terminated when a teen fails to complete the community service sentence and Springwood class for Class IV non-traffic offenders within 90 days. Dorothy advised that teens with multiple tickets and consecutive sentences are an issue, as well as currently enrolled teens who are enrolled for subsequent tickets, but in many instances the teen procrastinates and does not get the hours completed.
- Logan Brooks commented that there may be an increase of terminations during the summer months due to teens not having a set schedule that prompts them to schedule their hours.
- Dorothy Tyler advised that there have been a limited number of Double Credit Special Events and encouraged Board Members to notify her of any city or community events that teens could work.
- Debbie Kimbriel suggested giving teens longer than 90 days to complete their sentence. Dorothy advised that the Code of Criminal Procedure specifies 90 days but the Municipal Judge can extend up to 180 days after a show cause hearing.
- Dorothy Tyler advised the Board that other Teen Court's have sentencing options that include teens writing essays or letters of apology.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dorothy Tyler announced that due to a request on the training program evaluations she has scheduled a Back to School Party and Extemporaneous Speech Contest on August 14, 2008, 5-8pm at Pizza Garden in Bedford. Door prizes have been donated by Walmart, Academy Sports and Outdoors, Rave Movie Theatre, Movie Tavern, and Artisan Center Theatre.

ADJOURNMENT

Pat Webb entered motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Debbie Kimbriel seconded the motion and all voted in favor The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm

Charles Cinquemani, Chairperson