

**JUVENILE COURT ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
November 8, 2013  
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The following board members and court representatives were in attendance:

Hyacinth Douglas-President	Tameka Freeman-Gwinnett
Harold Cannon – President Elect	Gwen Bailey - Fulton
Carlotta Cloud- Treasurer	Kendra Stevens – Clayton
Jonathan Nelms- Parliamentarian	Indya Grier - Clayton
Bonnie Applewhite- Secretary	Liz Diaz – Hall (Via Phone)
Daniell Robinson – DeKalb	Kimberly Hunter – Columbia (Via Phone)
Cindy Mangham - Upson	

The meeting was called to order by Hyacinth Douglas at 11:00 AM at the Spalding County Juvenile Court.

Gwen motioned to accept the minutes for October 2013 and Liz second that motion. Motion passed.

**TREASURY REPORT**

The treasury report was reported by Carlotta. It was reported that the current balance is \$5,275.81. A motion was made by Jonathan to accept the treasury report and seconded by Bonnie. Motion passed.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Gwen reported on behalf of Jessica Towns and Brandon Peck. She reported that three restaurants that have been identified that will potentially work with JCAG to do a “Dine Out” and donate a percentage of the nights proceed to the organization: California Pizza Kitchen, Six Feet Under Bar & Grill, and Fox Brothers BBQ. She reported that the event will be used to raise money for the organization and gain membership. Daniell recommended that all three restaurants be utilized at different times. Douglas suggested utilizing two of the restaurants in January 2014 and one in February 2014. Gwen will request the time frame for the event from Jessica and Brandon and will update everyone.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Tameka reported that the new legislation (HB 242) will begin January 1, 2014.

**VENDORS**

Gwen reported no updates. She reported that she will send information out to the previous vendors. Douglas provided two additional vendors information to Gwen.

Liz reported that she will call Family Ties to see if they are interested in being a vendor. Kendra reported that she will contact Clayton County agencies to see if they are interesting in becoming a vendor as well.

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

Kendra reported on behalf of John Johnson. She reported that John sent out scholarship requests and has not received any response at this time. She also reported that John will be sending out a grant application to Wells Fargo next week asking for \$10,000.00; \$3,000.00 for scholarship and \$7,000.00 for conference costs. A sample of the grant proposal was submitted to Hyacinth and Harold.

### **NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS**

Tabled until March 2014.

### **BY-LAWS**

No Business

### **FUNDRAISING**

Harold reported that a packet was received from Krispy Kreme and Chilli's. He requested that committee get with both agencies. Cannon raised the question of which Chilli's will be used. Hyacinth suggested that a centralized location be used to maximize attendance. Hyacinth also suggested that everyone look within their local counties to see which Chilli's will participate and having the event at Chilli's in March 2014. Gwen suggested that location be finalized by January 2014. Hyacinth asked everyone to work on getting items donated to raffle.

### **WEBSITE**

Kimberly reported that the website has been updated and some maintenance needed to be done. She reported that some updates were made to the directory and pictures have been uploaded. Kimberly reported that she will get with John to get photos from the 2013 JCAG conference.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Once the location for the conference is decided the community service chair will be notified and requested to look for available community service site in the area.

### **EDUCATION/TRAINING**

Training on the new legislation will be available to anyone who wishes to attend. The training is free and scheduled for November 19, 2013 at 9AM at the Gwinnett Justice and

Administration Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Conference Room A - 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046). RSVP with Tameka and/or Menda.

### **CONFERENCE**

Harold came up with 5 themes for the 2014 conference. Of the 5 suggested themes, Nelms motioned to have the theme of the conference be Strengthening Community and Family while Setting the Standard for Excellence; Seconded by Harold. Motion carries. Kendra reported updates on behalf of John Johnson. She reported that grant application will send to Wells Fargo asking for \$10,000.00; \$3,000.00 for scholarship and \$7,000.00 for conference cost. A sample of the grant proposal was provided to Hyacinth and Harold. Additional report was: 2014 conference site suggestion was Lake Blackshear. "In last year's evaluation majority of the members wanted to be somewhere that brought "togetherness." Lake Blackshear is cost efficient and offers boat rides, boat rentals, karaoke, clean rooms, beautiful scenery, break out rooms, outside grills and many other activities.

Hyacinth, Gwen and Harold concurred with John's suggestion to host the 2014 conference at Lake Blackshear. Hyacinth mentioned that Lake Blackshear is very accommodating and offers everything we need to build a body of togetherness, along with many relaxing activities and beautiful scenery. Cindy motioned to have the 2014 JCAG conference at Lake Blackshear; Gwen seconded the motion. Motion carries.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Hyacinth informed the committee that the release of information form has been reviewed by DeKalb County Juvenile Court's Chief Judge, Peagler. Judge Peagler suggested that we include a signature area for the youth to sign. Hyacinth stated once the form is updated, Bonnie will distribute to the board for revision and final approval.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Nelms suggested allowing youth's to attend the conference. Daniell reported that this can be used as a panel discussion and/or training; allowing the youth to ask questions. Cindy and Kendra suggested getting youths from the local community to attend. This suggestion tabled for the next meeting. Nelms and Gwen suggested having a Panel on legislation (HB242); this will allow legislation to explain the rational and purpose of the new Senate Bill. Cindy suggested inviting the Governor. Kendra informed the committee that UGA is having a symposium November 22, 2013, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. She reported that she will send out information regarding said event.

### **ADJOURN**

Hyacinth motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Harold at 12:17 PM. Next meeting will be December 13, 2013 at Henry Court.