

Juvenile Court Association of Georgia

Executive Board Meeting

February 20, 2015

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The following board members and court representatives were in attendance:

John Johnson-(President Elect) Clayton Harold Cannon-(President) Clayton

Kendra Stevens-Fulton Gwen Bailey- Fulton

Luzvimenda Donaldson-Gwinnett Tracie Tarpley-Clayton

Indya Grier-Clayton Carlotta Cloud-DeKalb

The meeting was called to order by Harold Cannon at 11:15 a.m. at the Fulton County Justice Center.

Treasury Report

The treasury report was given by Kendra Stevens. It was reported that the current balance is \$8639.99 to include receipt of \$250.00 from membership. John Johnson made motion to accept the treasurers' report. Carlotta seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Membership Committee

Kendra reported for Brandon Peck (membership chair) that as of this meeting there have been a total of 43 members that has paid membership fees. The following courts have paid membership fee: Columbia Co. 8; Clayton Co. 3; Gwinnett Co 27; Fulton Co 4; and Dekalb Co 1. Carlotta provided a check to Kendra from Chatham County and other counties provided additional fees.

Luzvimenda stated Gwinnett has paid for 27 members which is a full staff. Harold informed the Board that they are planning a membership drive on February 27, 2015, in the front atrium of the Fulton County Juvenile Court. He described how Kendra, Gwen along with himself would set up a table at the front atrium to provide information about JCAG. Harold would provide a letter he created with the benefits of joining JCAG. Harold charged the attendees to go back to their individual courts and do a membership drive. He stated he would provide the court reps with letter he had created for their membership drive. Harold stated the membership drive would assist in generating some much needed funds -\$10, 000. Harold suggested waiving the late fee of \$5.00.

Indya stated Clayton County would be doing a similar membership drive.

Discussion was held with the board about waiving the late fee. Board voted to waive the late fee for membership.

Legislative Committee

Harold gave an update from the visit to the State Capital with Senator Emmanuel Jones. He stated Senator Jones is proposing a bill to combat the School Prison Pipeline and School Discipline practice.

VENDORS

Gwen stated she had sent letters to perspective vendors, PMC have verbally confirmed their participation for this year's conference. Gwen also stated that she and Brandon are trying to confirm Massage Envy for the conference.

SCHOLARSHIP

John stated he had received correspondence back from past grantor, Ida Alice Ryan. Correspondence stated that they would be unable to provide grant funding for this year's conference and encourage JCAG to reapply in August. John stated that he is awaiting word on other grants. He stated we have already received a \$5,000, grant.

Harold stated he sought donation from his church and the Black Clergy of Metro Atlanta. Both entities donated to the scholarship fund. He stated he is mailing out letters to local business in an effort to generate more funds. Harold stated this should be a collective effort on the part of the organization in an effort to get a sizable scholarship amount.

BY-LAWS

To Be Tabled

NOMINATION/ELECTIONS

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FUNDRAISING

Harold stated to the board that we need to do something to generate funds. John stated in the past we have tried to do fundraising in different courts and it has not been effective. Luzvimenda stated she would like John to provide her a copy of the letter he sends to businesses requesting donations.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Consuela Griffin by way of an e-mail stated JCAG would be partnering with Chatham County Boys and Girls Club for our community service project. Consuela stated she has a meeting with Jerome Davis (Chatham), with the Chatham County Boys and Girl Club on February 27, 2015, to visit site. She stated while she is there in Chatham County she would also be meeting with the local media. She stated she would need the following items: President's Article and JCAG information to provide to the local media.

Luzvimenda suggested doing a community service project geared toward an organization that has children as their main focus. Luzvimenda asked were we doing community service only for the JCAG conference or can each court do community service as a way for the courts to receive can receive recognition.

Carlotta stated in DeKalb County they are doing pre-intervention with Senior Connection.

EDUCATION/TRAINING

John stated keep an eye on the website for upcoming training and job postings.

CONFERENCE

Gwen stated the conference speakers are secured. Harold stated we are waiting on correspondence from the Mayor's Office of Chatham County.

Gwen stated the conference booklet committee includes: Carlotta Cloud; Cindy Mangham and Hyacinth Douglas. She stated she has planned to have all vendors information submitted to the conference booklet committee by April 15, 2015. She stated she is seeking business in the area to place an ad in the book.

Discussions were had on deadlines for information to be submitted to the book. Carlotta stated that she would provide that information no later than next week.

Gwen Bailey reported that a final decision on the agenda will be done by the next meeting.

Gwen reminded the board that April 26, 2015 is the deadline to reserve a hotel at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront. The conference start date is May 26, 2015 for community service and conference start date 27th.

Trailblazer Award

Gwen informed the board we were giving out 5 trailblazer awards and the fifth award will be chosen by the President and President Elect. The style of the award along with the cost was discussed. Gwen stated we need to choose a nice award at a low price.

Harold Cannon provided the board with a cost list and an example of the awards for the 40th Annual Trailblazer Award. John stated he and Harold would visit several trophy shops to get an estimate on doing the "Flame" design. It was determined the flame design would better represent the recipient of the trailblazer award

Carlotta and Harold stated they would make a contribution toward the awards.

Kendra stated that we need to have the 5th Trailblazer award recipient name no later than the March meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Harold Cannon provided the board with a cost list and an example of the awards for the 40th Annual Trailblazer Award.

Jackets: Gwen provided the court reps with jackets after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Gift Committee

Gift Bags: Kendra Stevens provided the board with the following ideas from the gift bags committee:

1. A personalized JCAG mug (40th anniversary)
2. A personalized JCAG key chain (40th anniversary)
3. Notepad and pen
4. Pocket calendar
5. Hand sanitizer
6. \$5 gift card Starbucks
7. Candy bar (40th anniversary)

ADJOURN

Harold motioned to adjourn the meeting; John stated the next meeting is to be held March 13, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Clayton County Juvenile Court. Motion seconded by John, All in favor
Meeting adjourned 12:00pm