

Juvenile Court Association of Georgia

Executive Board Meeting

October 17, 2014

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The following board members and court representatives were in attendance:

John Johnson-President Elect

Hyacinth Douglas-DeKalb

Carlotta Cloud-DeKalb

Kendra Stevens-Fulton

Gwen Bailey- Fulton

Daniell Robinson-DeKalb

Tracie Tarpley-Clayton

Tameka Freeman-Gwinnett

Cindy Mangham-Upson

Luzvimenda Donald-Gwinnett

Indya Grier-Clayton

Liz Diaz-Hall

Amy Mike-Gwinnett

The meeting was called to order by John Johnson at 11:14 a.m. at the DeKalb County Justice Center.

Treasury Report

The treasury report was reported by Kendra Stevens. It was reported that the current balance is \$2,319.99. Kendra stated that the bank will charge a \$15.00 fee if the balance is below \$3,000. John suggested to the Board that if we do early membership fees then we can alleviate being charged the \$15.00 bank fee. John Johnson suggested to the board that in order to increase the balance that membership be opened early. After discussion with the board, and review of the by-laws, John Johnson motioned to accept the treasury report as well as opening early membership; motion seconded by Luzvimenda Donald. By majority vote, membership agreed , Motion passed.

Membership Committee

Kendra Stevens reported for Brandon Peck that he had obtained one more member which brings the total to 105 members.

Legislative Committee

Tameka Freeman and Cindy Mangham reported on their contact with both of their State Representatives. Tameka Freeman stated that she had spoken with State Representative Vinson Forte with regard to HB152. Cindy Mangham stated that her State Representative Johnny Caldwell has agreed to speak to us with regards to CHINS. John stated Harold participated in the forum on September 25, 2014; he was also accompanied by Tanya Thomas, Education Advocate. Another meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2014.

VENDORS

They would table the vendor information along with Conference Report.

SCHOLARSHIP

John Johnson is currently sending in all of the necessary paperwork to fulfill the requirements of the grant that was awarded this past conference which shows how the grant money was spent. John informed the board that donation letters are being sent to several different grantors. John stated he is still pushing out letters to get additional money for the scholarship fund. On October 9, 2014, John stated he had sent the bank billing information for the Marriott to Gwen Bailey.

BY-LAWS

Luzvimenda informed the board that the By-Laws are needing some new revision. John stated the cleaning up of the by-laws has begun as of October 9, 2014. John stated the committee which includes him, Luzvimenda, Harold and Amy would be adding revision to the By-Laws and if anyone has suggestions please forward to either one of the By-Law committee members. Once the By-laws have been updated it would be added to the website.

NOMINATION/ELECTIONS

This has been tabled for now.

FUNDRAISING

John Johnson stated that grants are being written that would possibly help provide funding for the conference and workshops.

WEBSITE

Gwen Bailey stated the board agreed that the following items are needing to be updated on the website: Award Recipient of 2014; Conference photos, agenda, Spalding County needs to be added; community service and a list of training courses along with updating the Court Representative. Gwen went on to talk about adding any training we may receive within the individual counties to the website. Kimberly Hunter was unable to be reached by phone. Gwen stated all court representatives update are to be sent to Kimberly.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

No update to report

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Gwen stated the training for next month has to be pushed back. We need to seek another target date for training.

CONFERENCE

Gwen presented the group with the new Vendor/Sponsors application which included the following packages is in conjunction with the Conference book:

Platinum-\$2,000

Gold- \$1,500

Silver- \$1,000

Conference Exhibitor- \$400

Gwen stated this year since it is the 40th Anniversary she is looking to expand our target of vendors/sponsors beyond counseling agencies.

Gwen provided the board with conference topics she had received from all the surveys.

Gwen stated the conference topics and speakers should show a connection. She stated she is in need of more speakers. She stated she is working to get Susan Andrews with Accountability Court. John stated he had secured Judge Teske to speak on the School /Prison pipeline and Dr. Greenbaum, to address the psychological and physical effects of human trafficking.

Gwen stated she would be getting in touch with the Judge in Chatham County that is currently over the Mental Health Court to come speak at the Conference.

Gwen stated we are still seeking a speaker for Thursday night. Gwen also explained to the group the reason for the change in the date of the dinner from Wednesday to Thursday night. She is seeking to invite past presidents to come to the Conference to fellowship on Thursday night, in which we will present the Trailblazer Award.

John opened the floor to questions and comments on this past and present Conference.

Carlotta stated we should make the 40th Anniversary a formal event instead of an informal. The group stated this should not be a vote but a standard. Cindy stated this should be a standard dress code for Thursday night. Gwen stated the court reps should encourage their court members to show up on Thursday night and to dress in formal attire. She added this is the night we will have more community involvement. On the Presidential night, we will honor past and present presidents. Amy encouraged the court reps to get their people to participate. Gwen stated the Trailblazer notification should be sent no later than November.

Gwen stated that the invitation should be sent 60 days ahead of time to past presidents. She gave the board an April 26, 2014, deadline to determine what cost the board would accrue on the charge to have the past presidents and the scholarship recipient to attend next year's Conference.

OLD BUSINESS

Hyacinth provided the board with a copy of the Conference booklet along with a price list. She stated the price is based on whether we do color or black/white. Hyacinth stated we should determine what or how we want our book to look in order to get an estimate on the cost to produce the book we want. Hyacinth stated she is needing the group to provide all the items to be placed in the book by the end of January 2015.

Cindy stated she has a friend who could also print this book for us.

John stated the conference book committee which consist of Hyacinth, Daniell and Cindy should come back at the next meeting and provide the board with a cost list for the book.

NEW BUSINESS

John asked the board to look over the meeting notes from the September 19, 2014 meeting.

Motion to accept the minute Cindy seconded the motion.

John and the Board expressed their condolences to the Cannon family on the loss of his loved one.

ADJOURN

John Johnson adjourned meeting at 12:00 p.m.