

Juvenile Court Association of Georgia

Monthly Board Meeting

October 13, 2023

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The following executive board members and members of JCAG were in attendance via zoom:

Kimberly Scott – Gwinnett

Indya Grier - Clayton

Robin Heard – Gwinnett

Kendra Stevens - Fulton

Charlatte Smith - Henry

Shannon Frei - Newton

Chelsea Miller - Gwinnett

Daphney Barnett - Gwinnett

Andrew Bailey – Floyd

Montenago Mickens – Gwinnett

Johnny Williams - Dougherty

Henretta Berry – Gwinnett

Michelle Edmonson – Floyd

Kimberly Hunter - Columbia

Amy Noggle – Gwinnett

Keshia Johnson - Clayton

Tatiana Kirkland – Gordon

Danica Porter – Gwinnett

Tamika Wooley – Gwinnett

Stephanie Polite – Henry

Jeff Fox – Henry

Makaela Rannels - Gordon

The meeting was called to order by Kimberly Scott at 11:02 a.m.

Treasurer Report

Kimberly Scott reported for Kendra Stevens that the current balance is \$3,595.62. Charlatte Smith motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Robin Heard seconded the report.

Minutes

Indya Grier was informed by Tatiana Kirkland that her name was misspelled therefore a correction will be made. Stephanie Polite was not present at the September meeting so a correction will be made for that also. Charlatte stated a correction needs to be made to identify the member who was signed in with their cousin's log in at September's meeting. She stated we can make a note and come

back and once we find out who the member was, credit could be given to them for attending. Charlatte made a motion to accept the minutes with the previous notation being made. It was seconded by Michelle Edmonson.

Committee Reports

Membership:

Indya Grier stated that an email regarding membership will go out to the court reps after a conference location is selected.

Legislative:

Ryan Crockett was not present. Nothing to report.

Scholarship:

Indya Grier reported for Carvelle Taylor that he and Laurie Samuel are preparing a calendar raffle for November rather than October. He will be hosting the basketball camp in March 2024 depending on which location he can reserve in Clayton County. Carvelle is scheduled to meet with John Johnson this month to talk about other avenues for fundraising. Mr. Johnson has other connections to organizations that may be interested in providing funds for the scholarship. He mailed off donation letters to the partners at Chick-fil-a and Home Depot and are waiting for a response. Carvelle is also reaching out to different business owners that he personally knows to donate. If anyone else knows of someone who is interested in donating, please let him know.

Nominations/Elections:

Traci Moultrie was not present. Nothing to report.

By-laws:

Kendra Stevens - nothing to report.

Fundraising:

Shannon Frei reported that she has a GotSneakers fundraiser/drive that's ready to go. Everyone will receive a bag that can be sent to your local DJJ, DA office, and staff and they can share it with their family members. We will be collecting tennis shoes that will go to needy families. JCAG will get funds for each pair collected depending on the condition of the shoes. Shannon was working with Stephanie

Polite who will have her court bring in all types of shoes that can be used towards other donations and community service. Shannon will work on an email to send to everyone, and she will forward it to Indya to send out or Shannon will send it out. The email will include a link for the website where everyone can sign in and request to have a bag sent directly to your court under a JCAG account. Once the bag is full (holds about 10-12 pairs), you will take it to your local Fed Ex, and it ships free. We will have an account to monitor as the funds accumulate. Another fundraiser idea is a dine in day with Chick-fi-la, using their drive thru service. Everyone loves Chick-fi-la. Stephanie mentioned Pizza Hut was another popular one. Also looking for a dine in option for everyone that would be easy to access like Applebee's or something similar. They are reaching out to them to see if they would be willing to participate. Michelle is looking for something to incorporate our youth into our fundraisers. She has a lot of boys who like to bake, and she knows that would be hard to pull off due to safety issues. However, art would be something where we can have our youth submit an art piece and we vote to have what it put on t-shirts and sell the t-shirts (long or short sleeves) and find a print shop to do them. Stephanie added we would need a letter from JCAG stating our purpose and what we're trying to accomplish to solicit things from different organizations in the community. Kimberly will get with the board about the letter.

Website:

Kimberly Scott reported Stanford Cox and Tatiana Kirkland had a zoom meeting and Standford did a tutorial. Ms. Kirkland is interested in chairing the website. Ms. Wooley was not able to be present for the tutorial, but she is still interested in chairing also. Kimberly asked those present for the meeting to make sure they encourage their co-workers to go on the website to see what JCAG is about.

Community Service:

Johnny Williams met with two other committee members and came up with a few projects for individual courts to do before the conference. For Thanksgiving, individual courts can collect canned items and get with local DFCS to give the can items to families. In February-March, the event is called stash the trash. Courts can do community service (clean-up day), possibly with youth on caseloads or boys and girls club. Obtain pictures from the events and post them on the website. Once we determine where the conference will be held, we can plan for community service in that area.

Education/Training:

Robin reported if you applied for the summit scholarship, make sure you check your emails because everyone who applied for the scholarship will be receiving it. Emails regarding acceptance notification have been sent out and you just must put the code in and when you register, and it will zero out the payment. The conference is in Alpharetta, 11/29-12/1.

Conference:

Charlatte reported the conference locations have been narrowed down to Rome and Augusta. She went over everything (ie. cost, hotels, activities, food, community service, etc.) that each location offered and prepared a slide show however, while viewing it, there were some technical difficulties so it would be sent out for people to look at. A vote was conducted by current JCAG members after the presentation of conference locations. Votes were sent to Indya Grier via the zoom chat. The location with the most votes was Augusta, with 15 votes. Rome had 5 votes. Therefore the 2024 conference location will be in Augusta, GA.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous

Kimberly Scott reiterated that when Indya sends out emails for monthly meetings, court reps, please make sure you are forwarding the emails to members because they can also be present for meetings. The more informed they are, the more participation we will have. Indya will not send meeting emails to all members, just the board, court reps, and committee chairs. Kimberly stated she would announce this every month.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. by Kimberly Scott.

*****The next meeting is scheduled for November 10th, at 11am.***