



VIRGINIA JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

VJJA Fall Institute, Richmond, Virginia
October 31, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Beth Mohler Stinnett, President; **Robert Bermingham**, Immediate Past President and Legislative Liaison; Jim Woolf, Vice President; **Ronald Telsch**, Secretary; Donna Baker, Treasurer; **R. Lynn Dotson**, Northern District Chair; Robert Foster, Blue Ridge District Chair, **Colleen French**, Blue Ridge District (Public Relations); **Samantha Higgins**, Valley District Chair and Membership Chair; P. Doug Poe, Southwest District Chair; **Marie Bristow**, Capital District Chair; **Paul Greggs**, Tidewater District Chair, Scott Warner, Awards Committee Chair; **Ellen Patterson**, Northern District Officer; Gary Conway, Editorial/Publications Chair; **Lewis Wright**, Bylaws Committee Chair; **Katherine Farmer**, Institute Planning Chair; **Rick Teague**, Scholarship Committee Chair; **Sheila Hightower**, Public Relations Committee Chair; Bill Harrell, 2006-07 VaLORS Campaign Chair; **Diane Floyd**, Training Consultant; **Richard Hagy**, Standards & Benefits Chair; Brigette Peterson, Grants Committee Chair; Tina Casper, Website Committee Chair; Katherine Grimm, Tidewater Vice Chair; Tammy Dehr, Northern District; **Arthur Price**, Valley, Treasurer; **Ben Morgan**, Blue Ridge, Treasurer; **Jim Cornett**, Southwest District.

President Stinnett called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made. President Stinnett gave a general overview of the conference highlights and opportunities.

General Announcements:

I. Minutes of Last Meeting

Copies of the minutes were distributed by Mr. Telsch. Review and discussion followed. Correction was made to the Tidewater Treasurer's report. Marie Bristow made a motion to dispense with the reading of and accept the minutes from the last meeting. Paul Greggs seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

II. Correspondence Report

No report offered.

III. Treasurer's Report

Donna Baker was not present and her report was distributed. As of September 30, 2006, the General Account balance was \$12,572.25 the Institute Account balance is \$25,091.55. Marie Bristow made a motion to

accept the Treasurer's report. Lynn Dotson seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. Treasurer's report attached.

Individual District financial accounts are recorded under District Reports.

IV. New Business

2007 Legislative Agenda

President Stinnett had a follow-up meeting with Deron Phipps since his presentation to the VJJA Board at our last meeting. Various Board members expressed interest in opposing the permanent transfer (once and for all future appearances) of juveniles tried as adults.

Lewis Wright indicated that an Executive Committee decision was sufficient to favor or oppose legislation because of the timing of events during the General Assembly. President Stinnett requested all members to contact her to express interest in a bill so the Executive Committee can decide to comment on it on behalf of the Association.

V. Old Business

A. Special 40th Anniversary Institute, Observances, and Awards

Katherine Farmer asked that assistance be given to do the final preparation on conference handouts. Pre-registration will be held tonight. Mr. Telsch informed the Board that a DJJ tour is available on Thursday night at the RDC, Bon Air, and Oak Ridge JCC's. License plate frame sample was viewed. President's Reception and Leadership Mixer are on the conference agenda as always. Board members will be taking various assignments during the conference to greet, introduce speakers, et cetera.

Awards are prepared for presentation at the annual luncheon, as well as a Bob Sutton award (TBA). Special awards will be presented for early members of the association.

B. Annual Business Meeting

Treasurer's and Membership Committee report are required to be presented during the meeting. Recognitions and awards will be presented. Copies of last year's annual membership meeting minutes will be available during the meeting.

C. Bylaws Changes and Proposed Membership Dues Increase

Lewis Wright will present the bylaws changes as recommended by the Board. The Dues increase initiative will be incorporated during that portion of the annual membership meeting.

D. Appointment of Finance Committee

President Stinnett appointed an ad hoc committee to focus on our financing and desired initiatives to examine issues such as non-profit status, online payments, automatic deductions, investment vehicles for short and long-term funds, cash reserves, and the like. She asked all the District Treasurers to volunteer. She appointed Ron Belay (chair) and Ron Telsch, and accepted the following treasurer/members present to serve: Ben Morgan, Arthur Price, and Ellen Patterson. President Stinnett will follow-up with the other District Treasurers.

E. Year-End Report

President Stinnett reiterated her desire to formulate a year-end report for the membership to see what initiatives and events the association was involved in during the preceding year.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Awards and Recognition:

Scott Warner will present these at the annual membership meeting.

B. Benefits:

No report offered.

C. Bylaws:

Presentation at the annual meeting will be conducted by Lewis Wright.

D. Editorial and Publications:

Gary Conway presented a written report and it was distributed to the Board.

E. Grants and Resources Development:

No report offered.

F. Institute Planning:

Budgeting adjustments were presented by President Stinnett. Next year's fall Institute will be in Roanoke.

G. Legislative Committee:

No report offered.

H. Legislative Liaison:

No report offered.

I. Membership:

Samantha Higgins shared that we have 839 members - a new record for pre-conference renewals.

J. Program Standards:

Richard Hagy presented his committee report: "Standards still suck." The social security number requirement was successfully eliminated and nothing further has transpired since his last report.

K. Public Relations:

Colleen French requested direction for the next year's activities and initiatives. Suggestions included advertising in the Advocate, and special advertising letterhead, press relations, award winners local press, and so forth. Please forward ideas to the committee or President Stinnett.

L. Scholarships:

Rick Teague presented that there were eight (8) submissions for scholarship, but 3 were disqualified under the current rules. There was a tie announced among the scholarship committee members and the Board requested that the Committee Chair break the tie. The winners were Elaine Champion (Beaumont JCC), and Yvonne Earvin (Post-Disposition Coordinator at James River Juvenile Detention Center)

M. Training:

Diane Floyd shared that sixty-five (65) hours of training has been offered through the VJJA during the past year to its members free or at very low cost.

N. Vendor Relations:

Vendors this year were given inducement to join the association along with their vendor agreements to present at the conference. Copies of press releases should be included in the vendor folders to encourage their continuing goodwill.

Sheila Hightower indicated some of the difficulties encountered this year with vendors, including two no-shows. She suggested that we utilize a deadline system to help prevent such occurrences in the future.

O. Website:

No further information since the last report.

V. District Reports

A. Blue Ridge:

Colleen French and Ben Morgan presented. The treasurer reported they had about \$1100. Training will be offered in December in conjunction with their District meeting.

B. Capital:

Marie Bristow presented. Approximately \$300 is on account. They are considering increasing publicity, and preparing to conduct training for members.

C. Northern:

Ellen Patterson presented. A second training was offered with a net increase in membership. \$374.50 is on account.

D. Southwest:

Jim Cornett presented. \$2,220.01 is on account. Most recent training was on Sexually Aggressive Children and Adolescents presented by Rudy Flora with 70+ participants. More training is planned. Neil Bramlette has been appointed to the unexpired term of District Secretary.

E. Tidewater:

Paul Greggs presented. \$6,650.43 is on account. Training was offered recently and more is planned.

F. Valley:

Samantha Higgins presented. She has been working with VADAC to present the District's methamphetamine training again in the future and recently presented CPR/FA/AED training in cooperation with the 25th CSU. \$306.49 is on account.

Note: Mr. Telsch requests all District Chairs send him an electronic (Word) copy of their written District report for inclusion in the minutes to more accurately reflect what each District is doing.

VI. Additional Agenda Items

Adjournment

At 3:45 p.m., Marie Bristow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Greggs and carried unanimously.

The Annual Membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2006 during the Fall Institute.

The next Board meeting is unscheduled.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ronald E. Telsch
VJJA State Secretary

Approved this 28th day of March, 2007

By:

Ronald E. Telsch – VJJA Secretary