

COVENANT HOUSE TEXAS GUILD MEETING

April 17, 2018

Yvonne Conklin begins the meeting at 11:40

Attendees:

Tamra Inglehart, Patti Turner, Adrienne Wilson, Yvonne Conklin, Carolyn Garrard, Kim Mullican, Mary Eads, Aimee Snoot, Barbara Jean Lauratis, Lisa Sarvadi, Casey Bayer

Minutes:

Mary Eads Approves
Lisa Sarvadi Approves

Announcements:

Thank you to Barbara Jean, Lisa and Aimee for hosting the meeting.
We have two new members at the meeting: Adrienne Wilson and Kim Mullican

Treasurer Report:

Patti reports that we have \$22,688.00 in the bank account. Most of the money spent has been on special events and birthday parties.
There is a decision to be made regarding if some of the proceeds of the Gala should go to the kids at Covenant House.
Patti reminds us that all members need to pay their annual dues.

Director Of CHT Report

Leslie thanked Mary for a very successful Gala.
CH continues to implement its trauma care education, using a strength based positive role model. The goal is to get to the root of the problems of the kids instead of punishing them for bad behavior.
Students from a High School came and painted the back of the Crisis Shelter with bright colors and murals. Paint colors for the outside of the other buildings have been selected; they will be bright as well, not the existing institutional gray color.
CH is in the process of implementing salary increases across the board to help eliminate the high staff turn over.
We are still in the process of deciding if it makes more sense for CH to stay in the current location and rebuild, or should the campus be relocated.

Staff is training for an "Active Shooter" situation.
CH is implementing an emergency notification system.
Demonte was accepted to the Military and will leave for San Diego in June.

Committee Reports:

ROP is replacing its existing artwork.
ROP is struggling with growing pains due to the increased volume of kids looking for shelter. This is a "product of their own Success". Because of the great feedback and reputation of CH, there are more and more young adults looking to CH for shelter and support. Now, ROP can handle 10-15 people and recently had 40 people show up.
Crisis center has changed curfew from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.
At this time there are 35 beds for residents. They stay 2 to a room and are in ROP for 18 months and then get 6 months of aftercare.

Birthdays:

Birthdays are Rocking and Rolling. Yvonne, Danielle and Tamra are on the Birthday committee. We need more members to join the committee so there are enough people to serve, play bingo and interact with residents.

Special Events:

We need a Chair for the End of the Year Party. We give all of the graduates a \$100 gift card and take pictures of them in their cap and gown.
Danielle Hernandez, Tamra Inglehart and Casey Bayer are on the committee.

Gala:

A big thanks you to Amanda and Ashley for knocking it out of the park with the Gala decorations. We were able to cut the cost of some of the decorations by sharing them with River Oaks Baptist Church who held their Gala in the same room the night before.

A big Thank You to Mary Eads and her family!

\$865,000.00 was raised at the Gala and we should be able to write a check for \$665,000.00

Every one agreed that the band, food, service and the Hilton were great.
Decisions need to be made now for the band, and hotel for next years Gala

Directory Update:

Gabby is finalizing the new directory and it should be ready next week. It will be online and a limited amount of hard copies will be printed. Now we will be able to add new members to the list as they join.

Yvonne suggested that a couple people review it before it goes on our website. Gabby also works on the News Letter as well.

The question was raised on if we should list which members have paid their annual dues and lifetime members on the website.

Old Business:

New Business:

Next month will be the Tea Meeting at **Tonya's** home on May 8th. We would like to have some of the CH youths, including Demonte, to attend.

Kate reported that on Saturday, the 21st, there will be an event at Lily Pulitzer and 10% of all of the sale that day will be donated to CH. It will take place from 12:00 – 2:00.

Benjamin Johnson, a designer is hosting an event next week at Baccarat, in the River Oaks District. There will be a Champagne Reception and 20% of all sales will be donated to CH.

The last Sleepover of the year will be held this Thursday.