

There are two components to the program including mentors who are very important all the way through high school. Mentors go to the high schools and meet with the students once a week on school grounds. The mentors go through the application process, have a background check, and go to a two hour training class. The students targeted are of low income with good grades. The program also helps the students find other funding. They raise \$5,686.00 for each scholarship. That money is then matched by a partnership with Florida Prepaid College Foundation making the scholarship about \$15,000.

There are several organizations that partner with the program. Carol and Keith Madison were present and they were members of the Deltona Kiwanis Club and Carol is a mentor of a student at Pine Ridge. They are willing to answer any questions from the Committee members.

Each County raises its own money for the program. Any monies raised in Volusia County stay in Volusia County.

Ms. Lewis requested that the Scholarship Committee consider partnering with Take Stock in Children that the scholarship fund for Deltona be funneled through Take Stock in Children where the money can be multiplied and would result in new funding sources for both organizations.

Ms. Murphy stated that the Commission gave the direction regarding the scholarship program. The City's program hands out up to \$3,000 to the students selected. Ms. Murphy further stated that the Committee would discuss her proposal at the next meeting and contact her regarding the Committee's decision.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of 2008 Scholarship Selection Process

B. Review 2008 Application

The Committee discussed changes to the application. Ms. Murphy stated she would incorporate the changes and submit the revised application to the Committee at their next meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Citizen comments limited to items on the agenda (4 minute maximum length per speaker)

There being no public present, Public Comments was closed.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS

The members decided to elect a new Chair person at the next meeting when all members would be present.

The Committee discussed the next meeting date. Ms. Fisher is not available on December 4th or the 19th. Ms. Drysdale is not available on December 4th. The Committee decided to schedule the next meeting for December 11th at 6:30pm.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Peggy Fisher, Chair Person

Jean Oertli, Executive Assistant/
Recording Secretary