

Germantown Education Commission
Regular Meeting – September 15, 2009, 6 p.m.
Minutes

Attendees:

Stephanie Van Arsdale, David Compton, Stacey Ewell, Carole Hinely, Robyn Rudisill, Bonnie Lee, Stacy Foreman, Lesley Fluke, Dino Palazzolo, Eleanor Purdy, Carol Wingfield, Xiangen Hu

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Robyn Rudisill. A quorum was established.

Introduction of new members and guests

Dr. Hu introduced himself and was welcomed by other members.

Consideration of minutes

July meeting minutes were approved with minor corrections.

Comments by Chairman Robyn Rudisill

Lesley Fluke will serve as commission co-chairman and begin taking minutes at next month's meeting.

Robyn distributed committee and school liaison assignments and schedules for refreshments, board meetings and Teacher of the Month sponsors.

Committee chairman were identified as follows:

Race for Education: David Compton

Cookies for National Teachers' Week – Carol Wingfield

Holiday Parade – Bonnie Lee

Battle of the Brains – Dino Palazzolo and Stephanie Van Arsdale

Youth Leadership Conference – Stacy Foreman

Safety City – Lesley Fluke

Education Celebration – Eleanor Purdy

Monthly Awards

The commission voted to select Kim Douglas, an English teacher from Germantown High School, as the August Teacher of the Month. Stephanie Van Arsdale and Vicki Gandee will attend the October 12 Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting to help present the Teacher of the Month award. Jim Pope will sponsor the award.

No student applications were received.

The commission will vote on September and October Teacher of the Month awards and Youth Excellence Awards for August, September and October at the October 20 meeting. Each member was asked to contact their assigned school to remind administrators to submit applications. Stacey will send out an e-mail announcing the winner and soliciting applications.

An incomplete application was received and will be returned to the nominator for revision.

Speaker

David Compton presented a lesson on trust.

Old business

Math and science competition: The competition is scheduled for December 4. Each school has assigned teachers to assist students who plan to compete. Applications have been delivered to schools and are due on October 16.

Dino received a \$25 donation from English Meadows Homeowners Association and will approach other home owners associations about making a donation. Robyn promised \$25 from Duntreath Neighborhood Association.

Stephanie announced that the first place winners will be recognized at a University of Memphis basketball game. Roy Van Arsdale is working with the school to secure tickets for the students and their parents.

Robyn and Carole requested that a detailed planning guide be kept for the competition. Robyn and Carol will handle the luncheon and gifts for judges.

Nametags: Traditions lost the nametags after they were printed. Stacey reordered them today and will notify Lesley when they are ready.

New business

Holiday parade: The 2009 Teacher of the Year, New Teacher of the Year and Youth Excellence Award winners will be asked to ride with the education commission in the holiday parade. Robyn's Brownie Troop may also participate. Bonnie reminded everyone to buy candy for the parade when the Halloween candy goes on sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.