

Germantown Education Commission  
Regular Meeting – January 27, 2015, 6 p.m.  
Minutes

Attendees:

Mindy Fischer, Audrey Grossman, Dino Palazzolo, Alderman Gibson, Barbara Boyer, Julie Ganey, Carey Collins, Dick Vosburg, Sue Sharp, Stephanie Brockway, Stephanie Van Arsdale, Stacey Ewell

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Audrey Grossman. A quorum was established.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes from the last meeting, held in November 2014, were reviewed by the commission members. Dino Palazzolo presented the motion to approve the minutes. Stephanie Van Arsdale made the second motion. The commission members voted on the motion and the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

**Fundraising:** The commission decided to reserve the Landers Ford donation to be used for an annual award. . Gary Yenser will sponsor the February Teacher of the Month award. John Wagner will sponsor the March award. Audrey will check with Dazzle about sponsoring in April. Julie Ganey will contact Landers about additional money for the Teacher of the Year or Youth Excellence Scholarship.

**Battle of the Brains:** Dino distributed a summary document. Alderman Gibson reported that IBERIABANK has expressed interest in serving as the sole sponsor for the event next year. They are also interested in providing sponsors to help execute. Members discussed new format possibilities. The status quo, with both high schools competing, is preferred. Alderman Gibson will contact IBERIABANK to see if the funding they are willing to provide might make it possible to help fund school participation.

New Business:

**Homeschool student award opportunities:** Commission members will review the current form and provide feedback to Stacey regarding changes that might make the process more accessible to homeschool students.

**Award voting:** Teacher of the Month is Christa Phillips of Houston High School. Youth Excellence Award winner is Myles Riley Joyce of Christian Brothers High School.

**Education Celebration:** Stacey will check availability of Council Chambers on April 28 and May 4 and 5. Members suggested Mark Norris, Josh Pastner, Justin Fuentes and Mayor Palazzolo as possible speakers for the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.