

Germantown Education Commission
Regular Meeting – January 20, 2009, 6 p.m.
Minutes

Attendees:

Eleanor Purdy, David Compton, Sheryl Weatherford, Stacey Ewell, Stephanie Van Arsdale, Dino Palazzolo, Lesley Fluke, Melody Miller, Carole Hinely, Melissa Walker, Robyn Rudisill, Abigail Braddock

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 by Robyn Rudisill. A quorum was established. The minutes from the December meeting were approved after changing the parade title to Holiday Parade by a motion by Stephanie Van Arsdale with a second by Dino Palazzolo.

Robyn Rudisill announced that any members of the Education Commission who wished to help with the Germantown Youth Leadership Conference would be appreciated. The conference is January 31st. Volunteers are needed on Friday and Saturday for the Youth Leadership Conference. The following members volunteered for either Friday or Saturday: Abigail, Dino, Sheryl, David, Eleanor, Melody, Melissa, Robyn & Stephanie. At our meeting in February members of the Germantown Youth Commission will attend our meeting and let us know what their commission is all about.

Robyn reminded the Commission members that we are still searching for a speaker for the Education Celebration in May. A dynamic speaker is who we are looking for. Eleanor Purdy suggested Mearl Purvis, and she will ask Ms. Purvis if she is available. Also a discussion was had about the monetary amounts given to the winners at the Education Celebration. The City of Germantown gives \$1,000 to the teacher of the year. Leadership Germantown Alumni Association gives \$500 for the new teacher of the year. The student of the year receives \$500, and we're hopeful that \$250 will come from Methodist and \$250 from Magna Bank. Lesley will write a letter to Leadership Germantown Alumni Association regarding the \$500 monetary award for the new teacher of the year.

The Commission members held further discussions regarding the math and science competition. Dino will present a proposal from A to Z on the competition so we have a working document. Dino and Stephanie will work together in applying for a possible grant for future math and science competitions. At the March meeting Stephanie Van Arsdale's husband will come and talk to the Commission regarding the math and science competition.

Discussion was had concerning the planning stages of the Education Celebration. Abigail and Melody will work on sign-up sheets to be presented at the February meeting so that Commission members can start deciding what areas they can help with the Education Celebration.

Stacey Ewell announced that the Mayor was holding an open house for the Shelby County Schools in Germantown. The open house will be held on January 25, 2009, from 2:00 to 4:00 on People Street at the Germantown Municipal Center. This event is open to the public and will feature school administrators and teachers for anybody interested in the Shelby County Schools in Germantown.

The winner for the Youth Excellence Award is Sarah Jane Zanone of Hutchison School, and the Teacher of the Month is Wendy Pitt of Farmington Elementary.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.