Germantown Education Commission Regular Meeting – November 15, 2016, 5:30 p.m. Minutes

Attendees

Dino Palazzolo, Stephanie VanArsdale, , Julie Ganey, Steve Chandler, Laurie Whitney, Audrey Grossman, Stephanie Brockway, Dick Vosburg, Mary Anne Gibson, Stacey Ewell

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Alderman Gibson. A quorum was established.

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting, held in October 2016, were reviewed by the commission members. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Old Business

A report on fundraising and budgeting included news that IBERIA BANK will sponsor the Battle of the Brains. There is a good chance that the commission will have excess funds this fiscal year. Farmington has approached commission members about the possibility of a sponsorship for a speaker, much like what the commission did for Riverdale last year. Dick Vosburg will work with the school to develop an idea for a speaker. The event must be of interest and open to the public.

An update on Battle of the Brains planning work was provided by Dino Palazzolo and Stephanie VanArsdale. The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 4. Duties were discussed. Recent visit with teacher sponsors from Houston High School went well. The deadline for applications should be earlier next year.

New Business

December awards – Teacher of the Month is Dr. Melissa Ducey, award to be presented at December 12 BMA meeting

Those members who are liaison to local high schools will contact those schools about submitting youth excellence nominations as none have been received this school year. Stacey will send a blurb for members to use. Info will also be sent to schools again.

A suggestion was made to create a student character award. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Members agreed to cancel the December Education Commission meeting as it occurs so close to Christmas.

The next Education Commission meeting will take place January 17 15 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.