Germantown Education Commission

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

City Hall, Lawton Conference Room

Minutes

Call to order at 5:34 p.m.

Establishment of Quorum

Barbara Boyer, Brenda Dew, Katie Graffam, Melissa Kandel, Manjit Kaur, Shawn Lane, Ellen Moak, Laura Riggins, Sherrie Hicks, Patricia Toarmina, Stacey Crockett and Jessica Comas were all in attendance.

Andrea Baird, Kyle Eaton, Heather Fisher and Ryan Strain were absent. Quorum was established.

Consideration of Minutes

Motion to approve the February minutes by Barbara Boyer, second by Brenda Dew. February minutes were unanimously approved.

Alderman Liaison Report

Alderman Hicks mentioned the Germantown Education Foundation’s Run for Education coming up on April 23. She talked about the aldermen having a work session this week about the CIP. She also mentioned upcoming events within Parks and Recreation.

Chairman’s Report

Chairman Toarmina talked about the concern about the lack registrants for Battle of the Brains.

New Business

Jessica announced that Risha Manga from Lausanne Collegiate School is the April Youth Excellence Award recipient. The final round of Teacher of the Month nominations must be scored by Friday, March 24. Both the April Teacher of the Month and Youth Excellence Award recipients will be recognized during the April 10 BMA meeting.

Battle of the Brains – Deadline was Friday and there are only 7 groups registered. Only 5 teams would actually be there the day of. Laura Riggins motioned to postpone the event until fall and Melissa Kandel seconded. Motion to postpone was approved unanimously. The commission will check with Houston High School to see if the school is tentatively available on November 4.

Education Celebration – Deadline for award applications is April 3. So far Jessica has received one Youth Excellence Scholarship nomination and one Teacher of the Year nomination. Reminder emails about the deadline are going out this week and the following week. Chairman Toarmina has secured Timothy Gibson from St. George’s School as the guest speaker. Jessica mentioned that due to scheduling conflicts, the event has been moved to City Hall. Ellen Moak brought up that Dogwood Elementary was hosting a talent show on April 27, which would hinder attendance for Dogwood teachers. Brenda Dew motioned to move the event to May 1 and Katie Graffam seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Event will start at 5:30 p.m. with the program and refreshments will be available afterwards.

Adjournment at 6:19 p.m.