

Germantown Education Commission
Regular Meeting – March 22, 2011
Minutes

Attendees:

David Compton, Stacey Ewell, Bonnie Lee, Paul Mormon, Eleanor Purdy, Robyn Rudisill, Teresa Schwartz and Susan Sharp.

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

Consideration of Minutes:

There were no minutes from the February meeting to be approved.

Comments by Chairman Robyn Rudisill:

Robyn welcomed and introduced student guests from Germantown High School, Ashanti Burden and Louie Timmons.

Old Business:

Robyn informed the commission members that she would not be returning to the commission for 2011-2012. She stressed the importance of the commission's monthly teacher awards and seeking out area business donors for the \$100.00 cash part of the awards. Commission members brainstormed ideas and it was decided that a brochure/pamphlet would be created, explaining the purpose of the Germantown Education Commission, highlighting the monthly teacher awards, youth excellence awards, and the Battle of the Brains competition. Recipients of this mail out will be able to indicate if they would be willing to donate and lend support to the teacher awards and/or the competition. It will be mailed out to all Germantown businesses, neighborhood associations, and anyone else commission members can think of. Susan volunteered to write the descriptions/verbiage and Stacey will add pictures and create the layout. Commission will review it at the April general meeting.

David volunteered to chair the committee for commission fundraising for 2011-2012. Commission members voted and approved.

Battle of the Brains: Dino and Stephanie will meet with teachers and counselors from Germantown High School and Houston High School in April, regarding the competition for 2011-2012.

New Business:

Education Celebration: Monday May 2, 2011 6 p.m.

John Aitken is the guest speaker.

Brownie Troop 654 will lead the pledge and pass out programs. Paul will also check with his daughter's troop for participation.

National anthem singers are covered.

Prizes: \$1,000.00 Teacher of the Year

\$ 300.00 New Teacher of the Year

\$ 500.00 Student of the Year

Music: Checking with Dino

Eleanor suggested that dropping off serving pieces the morning of the event would be helpful. Stacey and Eleanor will pick up all food the day of the event. Eleanor will make flower arrangements and Bonnie will call Edible Arrangements for the fruit basket centerpiece donation. Commission members will follow up with their schools once the invitations are mailed. All commission members will help with the celebration in some way.

Safety City: June 13-17, 2011

Bonnie will send information out to commission members. Many volunteers are needed.

Sue recommended that the commission eliminate the reviewing of actual grades/transcripts (if provided) when evaluating the candidates for the youth excellence awards.

Commission members voted “no” to a jewelry party, with proceeds going to the commission, to be held by a former commission member.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.