

Germantown Education Commission
Regular Meeting – August 16, 2011
Minutes

Attendees:

Alderman Earnest Chism, David Compton, Stacey Ewell, Bonnie Lee, Laura Meanwell, Dino Palazzolo, Brandi Reaves, Stephanie VanArsdale

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Stacey Ewell. A quorum was established.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes from the last meeting held on April 19, 2011 were reviewed by the commission members. David Compton presented the motion to approve the minutes. Dino Palazzolo made the second motion. The commission members voted on the motion and the minutes were approved.

Comments by Stacey Ewell:

Stacey distributed copies of The a-b-c's of Parliamentary Procedure to each commission member. She suggested that each commission member read it before the next meeting.

Introductions were made by each commission member and Brandi Reeves, new commission member, was welcomed.

Old Business:

Battle of the Brains Update - Plans for “Battle of the Brains” was presented by Stephanie VanArsdale and Dino Palazzolo. This year’s theme is “Energy Solutions.” Stephanie passed around a sign up sheet for commission members to volunteer help with jobs that need to be covered in order for the competition to run smoothly. It was noted more members will be needed to help with hospitality and registration jobs. Dino and Stephanie will meet with principals from Germantown and Houston High Schools on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 to discuss the competition. Dino presented the motion that we limit the competition to eight individual projects and twelve group projects per school, making a total of forty projects all together (individual and group) for the competition. The commission members debated the motion. Stephanie then made the second motion. The commission members unanimously voted to pass the motion.

New Business:

School Liaison Assignments – Stacey passed around the sign up sheet for school liaison assignments. Each commission member volunteered to take one or two schools.

Monthly Awards Explanation and Distribution of Applications – Stacey, Bonnie and Laura briefed Brandi on the awards process. Stacey previously emailed the 2011/12 applications for Teacher of the Month and Youth Excellence Award to the commission members. All forms are updated and on the city’s website.

November Education Week – Stacey mentioned that this week will be Nov. 14-18th and the commission members will deliver cookies to their designated schools.

Committee Assignments – The sign up sheet for committee assignments will be passed around at the September meeting.

Award Sponsors – The commission's fundraising chairman, David Compton, discussed the award sponsors that have committed for 2011/12 so far. He provided each member with an updated list of possible and committed donors for 2011/12 and encouraged commission members to continue with their possible donor contacts. All Teacher of the Month sponsors have committed for the year. Sponsors for Battle of the Brains are still needed. So far \$950.00 has been raised for cash support and prize funds. ServiceMaster has also donated \$1,000.00 for the competition day lunch. The commission members thanked David for his hard work, organization, and time that he spent over the summer working on this campaign. David thanked Stacey for compiling a great brochure to present to the business community, promoting the commission.

Meeting Time – Dino shared with the commission that he will no longer be available to meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Laura presented the motion that the Germantown Education Commission moves its monthly meetings to the fourth Tuesday of each month. The commission members debated the motion. Bonnie then made the second motion. The commission members were all in favor and voted to pass the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.