

Germantown Education Commission  
Regular Meeting – October 25, 2011  
Minutes

Attendees:

David Compton, Stacey Ewell, Mindy Fischer, Laura Meanwell, Dino Palazzolo, Brandi Reaves, Sue Sharp, Stephanie VanArsdale, Julia Ganey, Paul Mormon

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

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes from the September 2011 meeting were reviewed by the commission members. One correction was made by Stephanie Van Arsdale regarding the wording in the Battle of the Brains report. Stephanie Van Arsdale presented the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Laura Meanwell made the second motion. The commission members voted and the minutes were approved.

Introductions were made by each commission member and new commission members, Julia Ganey was welcomed.

Old Business:

Race for Education – The event will take place on November 6 at 2 p.m. at Freeman Park in Bartlett. Members can register to participate at [scsraceforeducation.com](http://scsraceforeducation.com). Members should let David know if they are interested in volunteering for the event.

November Education Week – Cookies will be available for pick up in the administration copy room on Tuesday, November 15, and should be delivered to the school on Wednesday, November 16. School liaisons are responsible for delivering cookies to their schools.

Neighborhood Summit – The event is scheduled for Sunday, November 6 at 2 p.m. Mindy will create a display for the commission table. Stacey will print copies of the fundraising brochure and give them to Laura. Members are invited to attend the event and help out at the table.

Holiday Parade – The parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, at 2 p.m. Commission members are encouraged to bring candy to the next commission meeting. All are invited to participate. Sue will contact the 2011 Teacher and New Teacher of the Year will be invited to ride in the truck. Bonnie Lee has the signs for the truck.

Battle of the Brains Update – Cash donations received to date total \$1320. Numerous gift certificates have also been received. David requests that all contributions be delivered to Stacey by November 15. Members received a detailed list of donations received.

Members were asked to sign up for assignments.

All abstracts have been received. Fifty-four students will participate.

All donors will be invited to the event along with parents of students. Stephanie, Mindy and Paul will contact news directors that they know to ask them to cover the event. Participants will be asked to bring extension cords if they anticipate needing one.

New Business:

Monthly Awards : Mary Catherine McDaniel, a senior at Briarcrest Christian School, was selected as the Youth Excellence Award winner. No Michael Ruiz, a fifth grade teacher at Germantown Elementary, was selected as the Teacher of the Month. The awards will be presented at the November 28 meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Mindy Fischer is scheduled to attend. Bonnie will coordinate the trophies and send letters to the winners. ADK will provide the \$100 prize for the teacher.

Commission Dinner – Members were asked to remember to RSVP for the commission dinner scheduled for November 10.

The meeting was adjourned.