

## Greater Madison Area Chamber of Commerce Education Committee Minutes 02-07-2018

**Mission Statement** - The Committee will promote and support education at all levels and enhance the educational partnership within the community.

**Present:** Penni Groce, Courtney Storm, Charlotte Groce, Liz Avery, Crystal Pauli, Kitty Kringen, Bob Ellsworth, and Michele Keppen

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Penni, seconded by Liz. Vote: motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Liz, seconded by Kitty. Vote: motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

1. Bob volunteered to take the last Discover DSU date, April 7. Thanks Bob.
2. The updated application form will be ready by the next meeting. The committee hopes to have March, April, and May as submission months for Educator of the Year and Friend of Education Awards.
3. MHS Internship Program still needs promotion and places willing to take in a student.
4. MCS Teacher of the Year Award will be determined this month by Penni, Ann, and Crystal. Thank you.

### **New Business:**

1. Basin Electric Scholarship volunteers to review the applications this year will be; Bob, Kitty, and Charlotte. This team will have it completed before the end of the month. Thank you.
2. Courtney gave us a quick Day at the Legislature update.
3. Discussed a possible DSU tour yet this spring.
4. If there is anyone that might be a good fit for this committee, please suggest it to them. Kitty will contact the public library.

## **Reports:**


MCS Foundation – No report. (Suggest asking a board member.)

Junior Achievement – Fund Drive will be starting soon so expect your call. Many classes are done with the rest winding up in the next month or so. Recruitment for volunteers is usually done in the summer.

Madison Christian School – No report, early release.

Professional Training Services – No report.

St. Thomas School - No report, early release.

DSU – The DSU Gala will be Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> and is being held in Sioux Falls this year and three departments will present the Tournées Film Festival on Feb. 23-25. Caribou Coffee has come to DSU partnering with Einstein's Bros. Bagels. 

The Governor signed House Bill 1057 which allows for the demolition of Lowry Hall and construction of MadLabs. DSU is the thankful recipient of \$150,000 per year for scholarships from the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc. This association was funded by Denny Sanford.

Mary Francis' book, "The Fun of Motivation", is intended to help adult learners and has been published by the ALA.

Madison Central Schools - No report, early release.

Valiant Living – No report. (Vickie Kommes did announce her retirement.)

## **Chamber Notes:**

Make a note of the Annual Meeting/Mixer on Mar 20, from 5-7 at the Playhouse.

Next Meeting: March 7, 2018, Nicky's at noon.