

Greater Madison Area Chamber of Commerce Education Committee Minutes 05-02-2018

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

Present: Penni Groce, Charlotte Groce, Ann Zerfas, Liz Avery, Alex Nurnberg, Scott McKay, Bob Ellsworth, Crystal Pauli and Michele Keppen

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Bob, seconded by Ann. Vote: motion carried.

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

Old Business:

1. Promotion of Educator of the Year and Friends of Education awards:
 - a. Deadline for these Chamber Ed awards is May 31st.
 - b. Selection Committee – Ann, Crystal, Cecilla
2. Other awards:
 - a. Certificates to honor retirees have been sent
 - b. Above and Beyond award is almost up and running
3. Chamber Educator's Reception
 - a. Wednesday, August 29th at Nicky's
 - b. Committee volunteer needs include – decorations, registration, other
 - c. Fundraising – in 2016-2017 we went slightly over our budget. The list from the Chamber was passed out and calls will be made to those that have sponsored us in the past.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers for 2018-19 school year – Chair and Secretary
Charlotte Groce was unanimously elected as chair for one more year. Thank you, Charlotte. Penne Groce was unanimously elected as secretary for next year. Thank you, Penne. Bob motioned to accept the elected officers, seconded by Liz. Vote: motion carried.

REPORTS:

- a. Junior Achievement – JA is wrapping up their fund drive for next year
- b. Madison Christian School – No, early release
- b. Professional Training Services – No but he has been seen moving into his new building.
- d. St. Thomas School – No, early release

e. DSU – May 1st was the Annual Longevity Reception and Spring Commencement will be held May 5th. Both Sanford Inspire and Sanford Harmony will be implemented this year and two NUS grants will pay for the costs. The following faculty members received the listed awards at the Honors Banquet: The Alexander "Sandy" Davidson Award went to Dr. Gabe Mydland, the Merrill Hunter Award for Excellence in Research went to Dr. Ashley Podhradsky, the DeWayne Mork Award for Excellence in Service went to Dr. Pam Rowland, and the Ernest Teagarden Award for Excellence in Teaching went to Dr. Kevin Smith. The 2018 STEM Institute has redesigned and will focus on astronomy, rocketry, and space science.

f. Madison Central School – No, early release

g. MCS Foundation – No report.

NOTES: Courtney Storm was not at our meeting but accepting an award from the Mid America Chamber Executives at their conference. Our heartfelt congratulations to Courtney.

Next Meeting: August 1st, Nicky's, noon

Adjournment: