

**Greater Madison Area Chamber of Commerce
EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2018

Noon, Nicky's

MISSION STATEMENT: The Committee will promote and support education at all levels and enhance the educational partnership within the community.

Present: Charlotte Groce, Teri Jaspers, Ann Zervas, Crystal Pauli, Courtney Storm, Cecelia Wittmayer, Liz Avery, Kris Harms, Penni Groce

Call to order

Approval of agenda

A motion was made by Cecelia Wittmayer and seconded by Teri Jaspers to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes from May meeting

A motion was made by Crystal Pauli and seconded by Ann Zervas to approve the May minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Educator's Reception and Chamber Mixer will be held August 29, from 5:00-7:00 PM at Nicky's.

- Setup and decorations – Crystal, Charlotte, Penni. Arrive by 4:30.
- Registration – Ann, Penni
- Cleanup – Ann, Crystal, Cecelia
- Administrators and Chamber Members have been notified of the event.
- We will prep for 150 attendees and determine if we will provide a drink ticket as the event gets closer. There are still a couple of potential sponsorships and currently we are under our budget from last year by \$850
- The program will begin at 5:54. Junior Achievement and Trinity Preschool would like to provide an update. The award recipients will be announced at this time. KJAM and the Madison Daily Leader will be invited to attend the reception.
- Table tents with past award recipients and this year's sponsors will be displayed on the tables.

2. Educator of the Year and Friend of Education Awards – confidential until August 29 Reception.

- The 2018 Award Review Committee is Ann, Crystal, Cecelia. They plan to meet on August 10th after a couple of other applications have been turned in.
- Courtney will order the plaques by August 13th.
- The nominator will make sure the recipient attends.

NEW BUSINESS:

DSU Homecoming Parade – Date?

- The DSU Parade will be held on September 29th. The theme is Infinite Possibilities (a space theme). There was discussion about having all of the Chamber committees in one entry rather than split up. It was agreed that this would be okay, but the Chamber award recipients (Education Awards and Distinguished Service) should have a separate float. Courtney will get input from the other committees this month.

3. Discover DSU Days:

- Dates for these have been requested from DSU admission office and will be available next month with a sign-up sheet for committee members to speak at the events.

Reports:**St. Thomas School**

- New playground equipment will be installed prior to the school year start date.
- Open house and registration will be held on August 16th and school starts on August 23rd.

Junior Achievement

- They raised over \$15,000 to cover the program for the upcoming year. The current program projection is 18 elementary classes, 8 middle school classes and the high school junior's ethics class in December.
- Volunteers are pretty well set but will be officially determined after district registration. New volunteer training will be held on October 25th and packet pick up will be in October as well.

DSU

- Faculty/staff welcome week is August 13-17 and freshmen move-in on the 17th. Classes start on August 20th.
- DSU is hosting an in-flight educational question and answer session with the International Space Station on August 27th. Organizers are calling it Space Day 2018 and it's a 20 minute live web conference with an astronaut onboard the Space Station. DSU and Madison Central School Students will be in attendance and some will have the opportunity to ask questions. This will all take place at the Beacom Center. Other events will take place as well from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Two students were chosen for a national ThinkCyber fellowship program. The 4-day event will take place in Silicon Valley and they will learn cyber security skills to help them emerge as the next generation of ethical hackers with the skills necessary to detect and prevent future cyber threats.

Madison Christian School – no report

Madison Central School – no report

Professional Training Services – no report

Valiant Living

- No report but the new director will start attending once she has settled into her new position.

Next Meeting: September 5

Minutes submitted by Penni Groce