

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

**September 5, 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:** Kris Harms, Courtney Storm, Ann Zervas, Eric Hortness, Michelle Keppen, Bob Ellsworth, Charlotte Groce, Penni Groce

**Call to order**

**Approval of agenda**

A motion was made by Michelle Keppen and seconded by Ann Zervas to approve the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes from August meeting**

A motion was made by Michelle Keppen and seconded by Ann Zervas to approve the August minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Educator's Reception and Chamber Mixer:**

- Successes and suggestions for 2019  
Discussion was held about how to get more applications for the two awards. It was suggested to start advertising the information earlier in the school year (March perhaps) and get the information out into the school newsletter.
- Financial outcome  
The final bill has not been received. An update on this number will be provided at the next meeting.

**2. Trojan Days, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

- The theme is Dakota Space: Infinite Possibilities. The Chamber is working with Adam Shaw to recruit high school seniors to put a float together. Mustang Seeds is providing a trailer. The three Chamber award recipients (Educator of the Year, Friend of Education and Distinguished Service) will ride on the float. Chamber board and committee members will be encouraged to walk with the float and hand out candy, etc.
- Charlotte and the Chamber will contact the award recipients to see that they will be able to attend the parade.

**3. Discover DSU Days, 2018-19**

- Volunteers needed for the following dates
  - Saturday, October 13
  - Friday, November 2
  - Saturday, December 1
  - Friday, January 11
  - Friday, February 1
  - Friday, March 29
- Committee members were encouraged to check their calendars and sign up at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Begin planning for American Education Week, November 12-16, 2018**

- Review last year and discuss which items to continue  
The committee agreed that providing a treat tray to each of the school's educators would be a nice thing to repeat this year. The banners around town advertising the designated week were also a good thing. Charlotte will check with the schools about putting up yard signs as well. This was not done last year due to weather.
- There are daily themes all week long that schools are encouraged to participate in:
  - Monday, November 12: Kickoff Day
  - Tuesday, November 13: Parents Day
  - Wednesday, November 14: Education Support Professionals Day
  - Thursday, November 15: Educator for a Day
  - Friday, November 16: Substitute Educators Day

**2. Reports:**

St. Thomas School –

- The big school fundraiser Gala will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is Postcards from Paradise. The event consists of a meal, silent and live auctions and entertainment from Rick Brick and Friends. Tickets are still available and the event will be held in the St. Thomas gym beginning at 6PM.

DSU –

- Homecoming week is September 24-29. The theme this year is Dakota Space Infinite Possibilities. The week includes coronation, a magician, Traveling Trojan, trivia and decorating contests. The parade is September 29<sup>th</sup> with the DSU football game at 3PM. There are also two volleyball games that week.
- The annual day of service event has been moved from spring to fall and this year's date is September 26<sup>th</sup> from 12-4. Online students will have the opportunity to participate in their own communities as well.
- Two DSU professors have been chose to serve on a national committee. Linda Parks and Julie Wulf Plimpton will begin their terms on the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) in January. This association consists of 70,000 members nationwide and is a resource for health information management education and accreditation, issue advocacy and more.
- The Dough Knowlton Excellence in Quality Award recipients this year are the staff in the International Programs Office. After seeing a great need for students to get around town and back, they implemented a program that would allow free rides from East Dakota Transit. Student Senate provides the funding for these rides. The award is named after former DSU president Dog Knowlton, who was a leader in implements the CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement) program at DSU in 2010.
- Job placement is nearly 100% for DSU graduates, according to a class of 2017 survey. Majors with 100% placement include several cyber science degrees, Computer Information Systems, Respiratory Care, Biology Exercise Science, Elementary, Secondary and Elementary Ed/Special Education programs.

MCS Foundation – no report.

Madison Christian School – No report.

Madison Central School – No report.

Junior Achievement – no report.

Professional Training Services – No report.

Valiant Living – No report.

**Chamber Notes:** Please read your weekly Chamber update and newsletter for upcoming events and announcements, plus visit <http://www.chamberofmadisonsd.com>

**Next Meeting: October 3, 2018, Nicky's at noon**

*Minutes submitted by Penni Groce*