

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
Education and Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Attending:

Berry Dilley and Dr. Carolyn Lewis, Co-Chairpersons

Rose Dikis (present by phone)

Claire Gysegem

Unable to attend were Joan Butcher (has relocated to Dayton), Samorra Dower, Cheryl Prusinski, and jw Smith.

Dr. Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes of the July 7, 2020, meeting will be approved at the next meeting in the absence of a quorum of the Committee (we were not aware Rose was on the line until after the meeting).

We acknowledged Joan in absentia for her dedication to the Committee and being such an integral part of the work. She will be missed.

NEW BUSINESS

We will be thinking about community members who might be interested in serving on the Committee. Everyone is encouraged to bring suggestions to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Athena Award Discussion

We agreed on the option to have a virtual ceremony hosted by the Mayor over the Government Channel, Facebook, and social media. We will present this option to the Commission at the next Commission meeting and, subsequently, Mayor Patterson.

The Education and Outreach Committee will:

- Be reviewing the submissions September through October 12.
- Go into executive session during the October 12 Zoom Committee meeting to determine the top candidates.
- Work with the Communications Committee to develop a visual package (**Claire**) for the ceremony, ceremony details, event promotion, logistics for delivering/sending certificates for all candidates, the acceptance speech, etc., for the Wednesday, November 4, 5:00-6:00 p.m. event.
- Send applications of the top candidates, prioritized, to Commission members and to the Mayor by October 15.
- In Commission executive session on October 21, select the recipient, and forward the name to the Mayor.

Like last year, the ceremony will be an “Academy Award” production and the recipient will not be announced until the end. The virtual format will take quite a bit of creativity. All ideas and suggestions are welcomed. We will try to have a reception next spring or combine with the 2021 ceremony.

Calling All Artists

To date, we have not received any entries and we will continue to push the word out until the January 2021 deadline.

- The flier will again be sent in September.
- The Communications Committee will get information to media and possible radio interviews.
- We will make individual contacts: **Berry** – high school art teachers; **Carolyn** – Retired professor Terry Eiler and current professors in the OU School of Visual Communication.

Civic Organizations and Veterans

Carolyn said jw has had success getting speaking engagements. He will have details at the Commission meeting, particularly about the Veterans.

Oral History Project

Claire is working on recording and editing over Zoom. She will talk with Dr. Joe Berman and Berry about a date for the interview.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting September 8, at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned by Carolyn at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Carolyn Lewis, August 14, 2020.