Athens City Commission on Disabilities
Education and Outreach Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Present:
Berry Dilley, Co-Chairperson
Dr. Carolyn Bailey Lewis, Co-Chairman
Rose Dikis
Samorra Dower
Claire Gysegem
Cheryl Prusinski
Dr jw Smith
Paige Fuentes (ASL Interpreter)

Dr. Lewis called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Dt. Smith made the motion to approve the July 7, 2020 and the August 11, 2020 minutes, Second by Berry Dilley. Motion carried.

Dr. Lewis mentioned that he enjoyed Rose's letter to the Editor which Carolyn sent over the weekend. The letter has not yet been published.

There was no New Business.

OLD BUSINESS
<u>New Committee Suggestions</u>
Dr. Lewis suggested names for our Committee: OU student and employee at The Laurels Anaise Alyerime. She also attended the 2018 Athena Award ceremony. Program Specialist Emily Beveridge, Arts/West; Tasha Attaway, Web designer with the College of Education, formerly with OU Communications and Marketing; Retired Physical Therapist and OU Professor Steve Trotta who has a therapy dog; and WOUB Director of Production and Student Professional Development Michael Rodriguez. Dr. Lewis will reach out to them. Dr. Smith will send out an email to the Veterans group asking if any members would be interested in serving.

(There is an issue in sharing documents over zoom. When sharing documents, Paige may disappear from view. Perhaps this can be addressed to participants via email if Scott would like to explain the solution.)

Athena Award Ceremony Program Planning

Dr. Lewis went through virtual Athena Award ceremony proposed program and there was some discussion led by Berry on how the event could be more intimate. Dr. Lewis will email the plan to the Committee. Claire and Dr. Lewis will explore opportunities for inserting photos, music, videos, and graphics.

Civic Speaking Engagements

Dr. Smith will be giving a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce on 9/9 via Zoom and he will be visiting with the Lions Club at the Albany Cafe on 9/15. He requested a copy of the Club's Athena Award 2019 nominee and Dr. Lewis will email that to him. He acknowledged the enthusiasm of the Veterans when he spoke to them.

Calling All Artists

Berry contacted two public school art teachers for the Calling All Artists project. Claire is making a detailed post on Facebook on Wednesday, 9/9. She will tag local arts organizations with a photo of the current statuette as well as mentioning the stipend and clarifying that "local" means the greater Athens community.

Oral History Project

Claire will be in touch with Berry and Dr. Berman about the first installment of the oral history project.

Announcements

Berry mentioned that she had been in contact with Katie O'Neill who is a candidate for the Ohio House of Representatives, 94th District. Katie is very interested in the work of the Commission and could possibly serve on a committee depending on the results of the November election.

Dr. Smith brought up a concern about a potential conflict of interest if he were to vote on the next round of the Athena Award as he is the previous recipient of the award. Cheryl and the rest of the committee enthusiastically disagreed. We welcome his input as we move forward with the voting process in October.

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 13, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Berry Dilley motioned to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Smith seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claire Gysegem