

Athens City Commission on Disabilities
Education and Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 15, 2019 – 5:35 p.m.
The Laurels – 70 Columbus Circle – Athens, Ohio

Present: Berry Dilley, Dr. Carolyn Lewis, Joan Butcher, Rose Dikas (via phone), Samorra S. Dower, Patricia Ercolino, Claire Gysegem, and Maxine Rantane

Dr. Lewis called the meeting to order.

- Each member introduced herself.
- Dr. Lewis and Ms. Dilley gave overviews of the previous Education Committee’s meeting minutes.

The Athena Award

- Dr. Lewis provided an updated list of various organizations and businesses that the Committee has sent news releases and fliers to promote the Athena Award nomination process.
- Commission Chairperson Dave McNelly and Dr. Lewis will tape a WOUB Conversations on Studio B program Monday, August 26, to discuss the work of the Commission and the Athena Award. (Joining them will be Nate Thomson, director of The Athens Photo Project who received the Award last year on behalf of Elise Sanford.)
- Dr. Lewis will interview with Dave Palmer on WATH/WXTQ Thursday, September 18, 2019, live at 9:10 a.m. to discuss the Commission and the Athena Award.
- Claire Gysegem offered to push the Athena Award nomination information to HAPCAP.
- The Committee discussed where to host this year’s Athena Award ceremony. Patricia said it must be a place with plenty of parking and accessibility.
 - Suggested locations:
 - The Athens Community Center
 - ARTS/West
 - Maxine will research.
- Dr. Lewis distributed Athena Award fliers to everyone on the Committee and asked if they could take them to different locations, organizations, and businesses in the community.
- Fliers will be set up on the OVST table at the Forum Theater in the RTVC Building during the Hunchback of Notre Dame performances. Samorra will take them.
- The deadline to submit Award nominees is October 1, 2019. Some members expressed concern about the crunch time between selecting a winner and having the event.

Creation of a New Athena Award

- The Committee co-chairpersons and Maxine plan to meet with Mayor Patterson.
- Joan reminded the Committee that the City has strict guidelines for a new Award and that the guidelines must be met.

- Claire agreed to create a proposal inviting individuals in the community to design a new Athena Award.
- The Committee would like the new Athena Award to have Braille added.

Talking Points Sheet and Leave Behind Card

- Claire presented a draft of the each.
 - Patricia suggested making the Card the size of a post card.
 - The Commission logo and the City of Athens logo need to be added to the post card.
 - There should be 10 talking points total.
 - The 10 Points should be bold.
 - Add what the Commission can do for organizations.
- Contact Claire with further suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Next Education and Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 13, 2019
Family Dining Room at The Laurels
70 Columbus Road
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Education and Outreach Committee

Co-Chairpersons, Ms. Berry Dilley and Dr. Carolyn Lewis
Secretary, Samorra Dower
Joan Butcher
Rose Dikas
Patricia Ercolino
Claire Gysegem
Stacia Davis Moore
Maxine Rantane