

AGA Chapter Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2014

Submitted by Janet Stewart

The Nashville Area Chapter held its first meeting for 2014-15 at the Double Tree Hotel on Monday, September 8, 2014.

President Michelle Earhart called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Melvin Jones gave the invocation.

Michelle announced that the minutes from the last luncheon, May 5, are on the website and would be considered approved if no one had any changes.

Michelle introduced the individuals at the head table: Human Resources Commissioner Rebecca Hunter, Derek Young, speaker; Melvin Jones; Dexter Adams, Principal of Alex Green; Michael Winston, Education-Co-Chair.

Michelle recognized the members who had brought guests to the luncheon and each member introduced their accompanying guests.

Melvin Jones introduced the Nashville Chapter's PENCIL Partner, Alex Green School Principal, Dexter Adams. He delivered a presentation giving a heartfelt thank you to the Nashville AGA Chapter for all of its support given to Alex Green School. Michelle encouraged the membership who had not participated in volunteer activities at the school to consider doing so this year.

Commissioner Rebecca Hunter introduced the speaker, Derek Young, Motivational Speaker and Trainer. Mr. Young delivered a dynamic presentation on "Culture vs Strategy". In appreciation for Mr. Young speaking to the chapter, the chapter will make a donation to the Down Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee, his charity of choice.

Michelle then called for announcements from the various committees.

Announcements

Community Service

Melvin Jones announced that they are collecting supplies and money for the Alex Green Elementary school and for those who brought supplies to make sure they leave their name for credit. The four donation drop-off locations with contacts include the 16th floor of the Polk Bldg – Tammy Fruscione; Metro Complex – Angela McElrath-Prosser; Andrew Jackson building – Melvin Jones; and the 21st floor of the TN Tower – Michelle Earhart.

Emily Gray announced that September 20th is Hands on Nashville Day and the Nashville Chapter will be volunteering at Haywood Elementary School.

All of the information for the community service activities is on the website.

Education

Michael Winston stated that the Fall Breakfast will be October 23, 2014, at the Hard Rock Café. The Winter Seminar will be January 13 & 14, 2015 at the Nashville State Community College. He stated that an email was sent out to the membership today with the upcoming events.

CGFM

Drew Sadler discussed the CGFM preparation course. The course covers a review of all three exams, study guides, and 48 hours of CPE for each participant. There was a web-based survey and 87 responded. He announced that for Veterans, the VA will pay the CGFM exam fees. Also, next month (Oct) there will be a subsidy drawing and to enter the drawing send an email to Drew.Sadler@cot.tn.gov

Membership

Charlotte Gentry announced that the committee's goal was to have 400 members by January 1, 2015. Current membership is at 354, so we need 46 to meet the goal. The committee will be focusing on recruitment and retention. She encouraged the membership to get involved and build on relationships to increase our membership.

Door Prize

Ron Boniol won the \$25 door prize and Lisa Wade won the free luncheon.

There was no further business and Michelle declared the meeting adjourned.