

# **BUTLER COUNTY MANUFACTURING CONSORTIUM**

## **Minutes for February 17, 2010**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

- A. Neil Ashbaugh began introductions and started the meeting.
- B. Copies of the January 2010 minutes were distributed prior via email and accepted.
- C. Neil Ashbaugh (in Doug Bartosh's absence) reported we have approximately \$700.00 remaining in treasury.
- D. All handouts given out at the meeting are attached to these minutes

**II. GUEST SPEAKER** – Julie from the U.S. Census Bureau discussed recruiting needs for the 2010 Census. Temporary part-time positions are available at \$11.75/hour + mileage. Tasked with collecting information from 15% of households who do not return the census form. Can apply through the end of March at [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov) or by calling 1-866-861-2010.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. The Manufacturing Tour concept was discussed. Mary, Lisa C, Lisa G, Sandy and Megan are the first members of this committee and will be developing the concept in more detail. More members are welcome to assist this committee

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- E. Robotics Camp at Penn State University: Armstrong Campus: 150 – 200 students attend over the course of 2 weeks. PSU has solicited a sponsorship for the program in the amount of \$500.00. The event draws from several counties and has been a long-term offering at NorthPointe. Members in attendance voted and approved sponsoring this event at \$500.00 with money to come from the Industry Partnership funds.
- F. Business Matters Advertising: The group discussed the various costs for ad choices and selected a ¼ page color ad for 3 months at \$825.
- G. The Goals and Objectives for the BCMC in 2010: Neil requested that all members read through the document and determine what they can contribute to making the organization a success. We will work on a committee structure and will be requesting volunteers.

### **V. OPEN FORUM**

- A. STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math: Lisa Campbell provided a handout on the conference scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>. The committee is looking for presenters to promote the connection between industry and educators/schools. Companies may attend as a participant or may schedule a vendor table. Discussed the possibility of incorporating the BCMC logo and STEM logo into our ads. This led into a discussion on incorporating student tours at manufacturing organizations.
- B. Slippery Rock University Public Relations Project: Ken Raybuck introduced a request from SRU students to develop a PR proposal for a local group. Neil, Anita, Bruce and Doug will speak with the students if the BCMC is selected to participate.
- C. Megan Rummel is part of Leadership Butler County who are working on a project with the Blind Association. She was asking about the types of jobs that could be performed. Anyone interested in discussing this should contact Megan.

## **VI. TRAINING**

- A. Ken discussed tuition reimbursement. Total of \$64,600 available for three counties. See Ken for additional information.
- B. Shared training: The Chairperson for each Consortium has the proposals covering an MBA certificate program, Search engine options/social networking, Human Resource Update and Innovation. Once chosen, participants will need to be solicited. Organizations will pay 25% of the cost for the training.
- C. Lisa Campbell discussed the AutoCad program at BC3 (February start) and Lean Manufacturing Program (March start).
- D. Lisa Campbell mentioned that WedNet funding was down 61% this year.

## **VII. COMPANY SPOTLIGHT**

- A. Anita Orozco of Sonneborn discussed the background and product offerings of this Petrochemical Company. Samples of various product lines were distributed as well.
- B. March Company Spotlight will be Starr Products

## **VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS / MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. March 11<sup>th</sup> Knoch High School is having an industry event at BC3
- B. April 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Forum at the Belmont Complex in Kittanning. Meet the candidates session.
- C. April 21<sup>st</sup> Careerlink Jobfair from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Days Inn.
- D. April 23<sup>rd</sup> Coalition for Prosperous America Event

*Next meeting will be at  
8:00 am Wednesday March 17, 2010  
PA CareerLink  
Pullman Commerce Center  
112 Hollywood Drive, Suite 101  
Butler, PA 16001*