

BUTLER COUNTY MANUFACTURING CONSORTIUM

Minutes for May 19, 2010

I. INTRODUCTION

Neil Ashbaugh welcomed everyone and started introductions.

II. TREASURERS REPORT

Doug Bartosh reported that we have \$3,763.58. Membership invoices at the new \$200 rate have gone out with 18 members paid in full.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- Ken Raybuck, Tri-County Workforce Investment Board (TCWIB)
 - Training: For additional information, contact Ken Raybuck at 724-282-9341. He reminded us that any two or more organizations combining to offer advanced training topics could be considered “shared training” for grant purposes. Must start and be paid for by 6/30.
 - MBA Certificate program is running. The class is full at 25 attendees.
 - HR Training: The original 9-session program has been condensed to a 1-day program (6/17/2010) to discuss leadership and conflict resolution.
 - IUP course in HR: Session is currently cancelled but is under review.
 - Innovation Ideation: 5 participants attended the program
 - Website optimization: 6/2 at BC3
 - Value based pricing course: successful attendance at 15 participants. Additional sessions may be offered prior to 6/30.
 - Currently have \$40,000 in unallocated shared training money
 - Ken will be looking into the possibility of a scholarship option to use some of the funds.
- Lisa Campbell, Butler County Community College (BC3)
 - Lean Certification program started on May 18th. If more than two manufacturers attend, it may be considered as shared training at the 75/25% split. Total cost is \$2750/person at the 25% match of shared training the program will cost \$687.50/person. Sessions are 1-day per month through October. Ken and Lisa will discuss the details and send out a message if it is an allowable program under shared training.
 - STEM Conference is on 6/15. This conference will bring together educators at all levels with manufacturing. For more information please go to <http://bc3.edu/STEM>
 - WEDNET process will go electronic for the 2010/2011 grant year. Additional information will be provided as the process is finalized (around 6/1/10).
- Committee Formation – Anita will send out an email to solicit committee volunteers.
 - Public Awareness
 - Manufacturing Tour concept: (Mary, Lisa, Lisa, Sandy & Megan).
 - Manufacturing Expo (November 2010 timeframe)
- Membership Drive: No additional information available at the meeting

III. NEW BUSINESS

- \$1000 funding for Kids on Campus at BC3 was approved. Recommendation was made that money must be used for the manufacturing programs only rather than for general advertising of the Kids on Campus. The money can go towards scholarships or materials.

- Manufacturing Expo at the Clearview Mall: Initial discussions about a possible early November program. Ken/Neil will check availability with the mall while committee formation happens.
- Coalition for Prosperous America (CPA) is holding a meeting at The Chamber office in Wexford on 5/21 at 8am to discuss taxation and trade issues. For more information on this group go to <http://www.prosperousamerica.org>

IV. UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 15th, STEM Conference

IV: BCMC MANUFACTURING SPOTLIGHT

George Zacherl of Zacherl Insurance Group discussed a new health insurance option for Western PA small businesses. The pooled HRA option is available to employers of 50 individuals or less who are trying to control health insurance costs or provide a less expensive option for their employees. The option provides for lower premiums for small business. George has tentatively scheduled a group meeting to discuss the program in detail on 6/1/10 at 10:00 am at the Butler Library. For additional information or to register, please call 724-360-5000 or email gzacherl@zacherlinsurance.com.

If you are interested in presenting the Manufacturing Spotlight next month, please email Anita.Orozco@sonneborn.com.

If you did not leave your IN KIND report with Ken at the end of the meeting, please send to him at kraybuck@tcwib.net

*Next meeting will be at
8:00 am Wednesday June 16, 2010
PA CareerLink
Pullman Commerce Center, 112 Hollywood Drive, Suite 101
Butler, PA 16001*

<http://www.tricountymfg.org/> (click on Butler County Manufacturing Consortium)