

BUTLER COUNTY MANUFACTURING CONSORTIUM

Minutes for April 21, 2010

I. INTRODUCTION

Jim Ferguson welcomed everyone and started introductions.

II. TREASURERS REPORT

Doug Bartosh reported that we have \$3,328.00. 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)
 - Legislative Forum was held on April 19th. The committee may look at the possibility of having another forum in the fall. The event was well received by candidates and attendees.
 - Training: For additional information contact Ken Raybuck at 724-282-9341. He reminded us that any two or more organizations combining to offer training can be considered “shared training” for grant purposes.
 - MBA Certificate program is running. The class is full at 25 attendees.
 - HR Training (9 modules), first class has been cancelled due to low enrollment. The program is under review for consolidation of topics.
 - IUP course in HR: first class was cancelled due to low enrollment.
 - Shared training must start by June 30th.
 - Innovation Ideation, enrollment minimum has been met. There are additional slots for anyone who may be interested.
 - Website optimization, 5/19 in Kittanning; 6/2 at BC3
 - Value based pricing course on 5/11
- Lisa Campbell, Butler County Community College (BC3)
 - Welding program will be about 30 hours with classes starting in June. There is a possibility that the program will become a monthly rolling class focusing on specific types of welding. More information to come.
 - AutoCad program is running. Second program will begin May 5th.
 - Lean Certification program will start on May 18th. As an incentive to review the program, BC3 is offering the first class at no cost.
 - Leadership and Supervision program is running under an open enrollment schedule
- Committee Formation – No additional information available at the meeting
 - Manufacturing Tour concept: (Mary, Lisa, Lisa, Sandy & Megan).
- Membership Drive: No additional information available at the meeting

III. NEW BUSINESS

- The group had a quick discussion on the anticipated issues with health care reform
- Business seems to be picking up for most.
- Kyle Knapp is searching for a good broker for electricity
- 3 Butler school teachers are looking for an opportunity for educators in the workplace. If interested contact Anita Orozco for additional information. Ken will send out an email with details as well.
- Request from BC3 for a decision on funding for 2010 Kids on Campus program. The group discussed the possibility of funding this while also paying for the Expo at the mall. We will table it for now to allow Neil to review.

IV. UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 21st, Butler County CareerLink Job Fair
- June 15th, STEM Conference

IV: BCMC MANUFACTURING SPOTLIGHT

Dr. John Buttermore with Slippery Rock University, presented information on the Business Innovation Center. The School of Business is fostering a connection between area businesses, students and faculty. The Innovation Center will house a multi-disciplinary approach to business education. The contact for the Center is Dr. Richard Grimm, Director, Center for Entrepreneurial Development and Business Advancement, Slippery Rock University, 319 Eisenberg, Slippery Rock, PA. 16057, phone 724-738-4514, richard.grimm@sru.edu.

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 May 19, 2010
PA CareerLink
Pullman Commerce Center, 112 Hollywood Drive, Suite 101
Butler, PA 16001*