

Manufacturing Consortium Meeting Minutes August 9, 2007

Attendees:

Mike Rempel – Gorell
Ellen Starry – Gorell
Volker Valentin - Gorell
Mark Dominick – Classic Conveyor
Frank Holuta – Elkin
Dennis McCracken – Quintech
Nick Parchinsky – HMS
Tom Baker – Winchester
Bob Kovalcik – Twin Pines
Nancy Saxman – Synergy

Lori Harvey – TCWIB
Dave Frick - Commissioner

This was a members only meeting
Mike advised everyone of the Pittsburgh Business Times Manufacturer of the Year Awards

Lori gave an Update on the Training and Grant Initiatives:
25% cash match plus in kind matches
Work Certified – pilot going on soon in Armstrong
MarketSphere – possibly starting early 2008
Educational Employment Brochure (Australian piece)
2 videos – Career Gates & a Tri-County initiative
Billboard program that Butler is trying
ARMTech – Mike to send out advertisement on those interested

Mike indicated that he and Frank will be attending a presentation to the ARIN school superintendents on behalf of companies in Indiana county to discuss with them how to encourage students to consider careers in manufacturing in Indiana county.

Following that, Mike will be at a meeting with the other tri-county consortia chairs to plan our needs over the next year.

Lori also gave an explanation on the Dream It! Do It! initiative

Mike also offered a link to a book called Saving American Manufacturing

There was additional discussion on the needs of each member – labor stats and hiring history.

Next meeting – September 13, 2007 7:30 to 9:00

Volker Valentin will give a presentation on Gorell's Worker's Comp successes
Speaker – Lon Ferguson – IUP Safety Sciences