

Minutes for Indiana County Manufacturing Consortium
Meeting
November 8, 2007

Attendees: Mike Rempel - Gorell Windows & Doors, LLC
Ellen Starry - Gorell Windows & Doors, LLC
Volker Valentin - Gorell Windows & Doors, LLC
Rob Clark – Clark Metals
Carrie Roup – Clark Metals
Nancy Saxman – Synergy Contracting
Frank Holuta – Elkin Hi Tech
Kevin Lazor – Career Link
Herb Gleditsch – Career Link
Lori Harvey – Tri County WIB
Rod Ruddock – Commissioner
Dave Frick – Commissioner
Bill Clevenger – Career Track

Bill Clevenger – Career Track – Bill did a presentation on the Work Certified Program and the first graduates from that program. He requested consortium members to be available for a panel presentation to those graduates.

Mike encouraged members to put in their help wanted ads that they prefer work certified applicants.

Company Success: Clark Metals – Suggestion program will be postponed until the December meeting.

Mike went through a quick explanation of the Website:

We need regular updates on our companies

We need additional successes to note

I will post them on the website

We need to get non-members to subscribe along with potential employees

When an update is posted to the site, an e-mail goes out to the subscribers with information about the update and a link to the site. The better the information and more interesting, the better chance of getting more companies involved.

Need everyone to subscribe

Need information on the companies – hiring needs, awards, articles, grant money, any events.

Mike reviewed the current Employment Statistics

Convinced we can't rely on these figures

Fluctuate constantly

The one factor that is constant, though, is the number of unemployed is down dramatically over the last few years.

Our job needs to be to attract more candidates to our companies – and the biggest opportunities to do that are our high schools and the ICTC. Our focus needs to be to get the word out to the community that manufacturing is alive.

Mike recommended that we participate in the Expo 2008 – Saturday January 19, 2008 - \$200 or \$400 (are we not for profit?)

Mike updated the group on the ICTC Parent's night event

Although we didn't get a lot of interest, there was one or two that came up to the table for information, but also it showed our support for ICTC.

Mike suggested that we purchase a Banner at the ICTC – for next time they offer them

Mike reviewed the following:

Meeting with Deb Clawson – Indiana School district superintendent

Meeting with ICTC – Carol Fry – Erin Eisenman – Craig Volpe

Erin Eisenman suggested a meeting with the 25 county school counselors. They meet 3-4 times a year, 2 hours over lunch, looking for a host place, have an opportunity to present our case to them. Thoughts?

IASD meeting – get our link on their website

Advertise in the school newspapers

Lori – updated everyone on programs and grant money

Next meeting – Thursday, December 13th. Speaker will be Ed Wagner – Catalyst Connection. – review their services.