

Indiana County Manufacturing Consortium

Meeting Agenda

October 8, 2008

Attendees: Mike Rempel - Gorell
Ellen Starry – Gorell
Carrie Roup – Clark
Don Barris – Elkin
Steve McPherson – MGK
Julie Miller – MGK
Pam Gates – Penn Machine
Tom Petro – JJ Kennedy
Debbie Zundle – Cleveland Brothers
Stephanie DiLeo – Homer City Automation

Lori Harvey – TCWIB
Kevin Lazor – Career Link
Herb Gleditsch – Career Link
Grace Thachik – ICC of WCCC
Karen Diem – Career Track
Jane Gardner - IUP

Funding

Mike advised that regarding the funding news from Mary Salony. We will be receiving \$65,000 in IP funding and \$175,000 in training funding for the tri-county group.

Welding training

Where do we stand on this? Lori to call Paul Anselmo from New Century regarding a survey. Deb Zundle to send list of 11 welding schools. Lori also to talk to Kevin Trufta regarding video that we can put together promoting welding.

Unemployment Statistics

Mike reviewed the current numbers. The unemployment numbers are up.

Hiring Needs

What is the status of hiring requirements for our companies? Several companies are hiring now – Clark, MGK & Penn Machine.

By-laws

Mike put the by-laws to a vote. A motion was made and seconded. The vote was in majority to pass the by-laws as presented. Mike then reminded the group that this will require others to step up for the other office positions. Mike will send out the agreed to by-laws to all members requesting interest in the other office positions. Mike indicated that he is willing to remain in the President's and Treasurer's position through 2009.

Membership Recruitment

What do we need to do to attract more members, or get current members to the table? This needs to be discussed further. Mike reminded the group that we need to have at least 10 active members to remain in good standing with the state.

PA Rehabilitation Council

Any interest in having Carolyn Vidt do a presentation to our group? Yes. Mike will contact them to see when they want to come out to do a presentation.

Survey Results/Training Needs

Mike distributed the stats and indicated that we will use these to make decisions next meeting on what training we need to pursue.

Advanced Employment Law Seminar October 29th

Reminder to all signed up regarding this training.

Company Photos

Question was asked if these would be available to the members. Mike will send copies to the appropriate companies.

Need some success stories

Mike indicated that we need more for the website. Mike discussed the success Gorell and Clark has had with the Quick and Easy Kaizen program and suggested that we consider having a presentation done by Norman Bodek to the whole group. It was suggested that maybe we consider a tri-county approach and Lori suggested that funding may be available for this. Mike will contact Norman and see what options are available.

MBA Certificate Program

Discussion by Jane Gardner. Jane went through the program. 6 ½ hours a week for 10 weeks. There is no prerequisite and can be customized for the audience. It is a non-credit program. Tuition reimbursement may be available. Lori will check on the funding. It will be a January start date. Mike will send out a copy of the brochure to all members to see who is interested in the program.

Junior Achievement

They will present their program for interested companies and instructors at the November meeting. The group decided that we would not have Junior Achievement do a presentation to the group.

Tony Palimone Manufacturing Idea

Mike indicated that he had discussion with Tony and feels that nothing would be done until next Spring. Mike suggested that we bring Tony for an upcoming meeting so we can discuss how to structure the program.

STEM Initiative

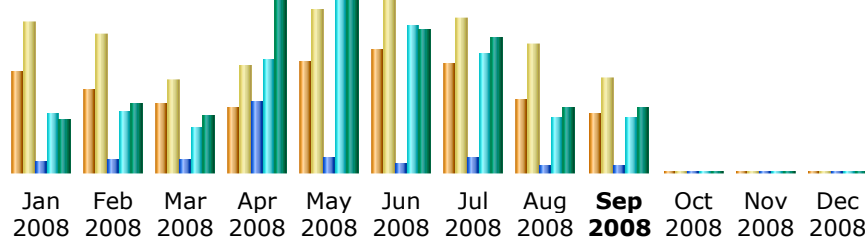
Status – Lori provided an update. It is still in the development stages and there is nothing that the ICMC needs to be doing at this point.

Website visits:

Mike provided the stats to all members. The site visits are down. Mike indicated that we may need to consider more cable advertising. Radio may not be working. Lori will look into this.

Job Fair

Kevin Lazor indicated that the next Job Fair is schedule for April 16th at the S& T Arena. No further details are available at this time.



Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2008	226	337	1069	6105	31.97 MB
Feb 2008	185	307	1451	6227	41.65 MB
Mar 2008	155	208	1308	4645	34.58 MB
Apr 2008	145	236	7458	11627	104.84 MB
May 2008	245	360	1492	18659	109.01 MB
Jun 2008	274	400	1020	15252	86.60 MB
Jul 2008	244	346	1512	12287	81.84 MB
Aug 2008	161	285	694	5685	38.79 MB
Sep 2008	132	212	674	5642	39.76 MB
Oct 2008	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 2008	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 2008	0	0	0	0	0
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