

Indiana County Manufacturing Consortium
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2008

Attendees: Mike Rempel - Gorell
Ellen Starry – Gorell
Volker Valentin - Gorell
Carrie Roup – Clark
Don Barris – Elkin
Steve McPherson – MGK
Pam Gates – Penn Machine
Tom Petro – JJ Kennedy
Don Coleman – Cleveland Brothers
Debbie Zundle – Cleveland Brothers
Stephanie DiLeo – Homer City Automation
Nancy Saxman – Synergy Contracting
Brian Long – Breeze
Dennis McCracken – Quintech
Bob Kovalcik – Twin Pines
Nick Parchinsky - HMS

Lori Harvey – TCWIB
Kevin Lazor – Career Link
Herb Gleditsch – Career Link
Grace Thachik – ICC of WCCC
Jane Gardner – IUP
Carol Fry – ICTC
Dana Henry – Chamber of Commerce

Welding training

Lori is to get what video is available from MGK and ICTC and work with Kevin Trufta to put together an inexpensive video that can be used to promote welding. Mike is to also send out the New Century survey to all members interested then set up a meeting prior to next monthly meeting to determine the next promotion steps.

Unemployment Statistics

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

By-laws

The officers were selected as follows:
Mike Rempel – Gorell – President
Steve McPherson – MGK – Co-VP
Volker Valentin – Gorell – Co-VP
Stephanie DiLeo – Homer City Automation – Treasurer
Julie Miller – MGK - Secretary

Membership Recruitment

Nothing discussed – topic for next meeting

Survey Results/Training Needs

Nothing discussed – topic for next meeting

Advanced Employment Law Seminar October 29th

Those who attended felt it was a very good and worthwhile seminar.

Company Photos

Mike sent our photos to those companies he had received from Dana. Others still need to be contacted. Mike will forward to Dana the contact information for those companies.

Need some success stories – Quick & Easy Kaizen

Nothing discussed – topic for next meeting

MBA Certificate Program

Have received interest from the following companies: Clark, Gorell, Breeze, Synergy, Ardiem, Homer City Automation, Cleveland Brothers. Cleveland Brothers is unsure at this point. Mike will also contact the other two county consortia to see if they have any interest in participating in the program and if so, will set up via “Doodle.ch” a meeting. The cost is \$20,000. Must have 10 participants with maximum of 20. There will be reimbursement available but will still be some out of pocket costs per participant.

Tony Palimone Manufacturing Idea

Nothing discussed – topic for next meeting

STEM Initiative

Status – Lori – no update at this point.

Website In Kind Entries:

Mike reviewed the process and again requested all members to go on line to create their monthly reports and submit them electronically.

Job Fair

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

Work Certified

Kevin is to get statistics on how many have gone through the program, how many have been hired from the program. Mike also encouraged all to promote the program in their employee ads, either with or without the “bug” but at least the tag line that “We support the Work Certified Program”

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. Need to figure out what to spend our portion on.

Educator In The Workplace

Nothing discussed – topic for next meeting

Manufacturing Promotion

There was several items of discussion on how to promote manufacturing in the community, both short and long term plans. Mike recently did a presentation at the ICTC Parent's Night event and is planning on doing another Closer Look on WCCS. Other ideas that were discussed:

Carnegie Science Center. K-12 – mobile programs, \$350 for 1st session, \$150 after. 45 minutes each. I need to get more detail from Lori on what the various sessions were.

Homer Center – it was suggested that we send congratulations and ask if there is anything we can sponsor for our name recognition, i.e. Climbing wall.

Children's Museum – Bob Kovalcik indicated that he has renovated some machines that produced various product – geared toward what grade – ask Bob. There were different ones – what were they?

6th grade field trip to ICTC – ask Carol what the logistics are? Do we do the Science Center, Children's Museum or both with that.

Dana suggested getting the large screen at the mall, running various videos we have. Also what about at the Expo in January. Sign up – give away. Announce the winner at Expo.

It is important that we get parents involved