

Indiana County Manufacturing Consortium

Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2009

Attendees: Mike Rempel - Gorell Windows & Doors
Ellen Starry - Gorell Windows & Doors
Volker Valentin - Gorell Windows & Doors
Dennis McCracken – Quintech
Frank Holuta – Elkin Hi-Tech
Carrie Roup – Clark Metals

Jerry Richardson – Office of Planning & Development
Herb Gleditsch – Career Link
Johanna Murphy – MAC Center
Carol Fry – ICTC
Ken Raybuck - TVWIB

Unemployment Statistics – Mike Rempel review the May statistics. They showed an increase in unemployment, however manufacturing increase by 100 employees. Indiana still tied for 14th in the state.

Recruitment Event Update – Frank Holuta went over the details and we delegated various tasks including phone calls to potential members.

Tri-County Meeting Update – Mike Rempel reminded all in attendance about the tri-county event and encouraged all to attend.

Welding Video Update – Steve McPherson was unable to attend so there was no update.

2008-2009 Budget Results – Mike Rempel & Ken Raybuck advised the group that we were able to consume virtually all the funds for the past fiscal year.

2009-2010 Budget Planning – Mike Rempel distributed the proposed budget for the current fiscal year. This will be a major point of discussion at the next meeting. Mike will forward a copy to all other members. Mike also indicated that he and the other chairs voted to have the training funding split 50-50 between shared and reimbursement rather than 75-25, even if it meant less funds overall.

Social Networking – Mike Rempel showed everyone the Twitter page for the ICMC and encouraged them to log on. Carol Fry will provide Mike with a list of contacts at each school to get ads in their local papers to encourage students to follow the ICMC on Twitter. Mike will also contact Allegheny Graphics to add a link to Twitter to our website.

Other Business: Mike Rempel indicated that we will have IUP Services – Tracy Missien – speak at our October 8th meeting.

Mike also indicated that the Ideation proposal received positive feedback from the other county chairs.

Mike indicated that we need to get interesting facts from each company to have on our radio commercials to promote our various members and make them more interesting.