

Workforce Development - November 21st 2007

PRESENT: Bobbie Kleffman, Paula Frings, John Peterson, Margie Ritter, Connie Swanson, Doug Learmont, Mary Kosak, Lisa Randall, Beth Turk, Mike Knapp, Jim Woehrle

STAFF: Kerry Larsen & Bud Stone

Margie Ritter called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 2007 MINUTES:

Margie Ritter asked for a motion to approve the October 2007 minutes; Bobbie Kleffman made a motion to approve the October minutes; Lisa Randall seconded; motion carried.

Action: No further action is needed at this time

2008 GOALS AND MISSION STATEMENT:

The committee members discussed the 2008 Mission Statement and Goals. The committee members proposed one change.

- Develop a strategy based on **stakeholders** input for implementation of regional rural WFD system initiative.

ACTION: Mary Kosak made a motion to approve the 2008 Goals & Mission after making the change; Connie Swanson seconded; Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2008:

Margie Ritter explained to the committee what the executive committee is and how it functions. Margie asked if any member would like to be a part of this executive committee. After a brief discussion Margie informed the committee members that along with herself, Megan and Cindy, they would remain the executive committee for 2008.

ACTION: Mary Kosak made a motion to approve the executive committee for 2008; Doug Learmont seconded; Motion carried.

CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARDS:

The committee members decided upon two gold star winners for the months of January 2008 and Feb. 2008.

ACTION: Mary Kosak made a motion to approve the Jan & Feb 2008 gold star winners; Connie Swanson seconded; motion carried. Kerry will call these award winners and make sure they are at the luncheons.

UPDATES ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:

Paula reminded the committee members to look for the newsletter articles in the next Chamber newsletter. These articles will consist of CEO's in the school and the Washington DC article.

The committee had brief discussions on:

- Emerging Global leaders
- WELD (letter going out to membership, ideas, suggestions & marketing campaign)
- Upcoming work session on 12-05-2007 at 9:00 a.m.
- CEO's in the schools (other participants, feed back, ideas & suggestions)
- Upcoming meeting with Human Services & **NEMOJT**
- Fall explore test, ACT test & College Readiness
- Range Readiness Meeting
- Career & Technical classes in schools. Possible next target will be Healthcare.
- Grand Works pilot project
- December meeting cancelled
- Luncheon in December

ACTION: No further action is needed.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Jan. 16th 2008 @ 12:00 noon, Chamber Conference Room

MEETING ADJOURNED

Submitted by Kerry Larsen, Membership & Tourism Coordinator