

Workforce Development Jan. 20th 2010

PRESENT: Paula Frings, Sarah Copeland, Vickie Herman, Jane Bymark, Jessica Knutson, Josh Hafar, Bobbie Kleffman, Connie Swanson, Kyle Erickson, Mary Kosak, Keith Isaacs, Jaci David, Mary Krumrei

STAFF: Kerry Larsen

GUEST: Amber Madoll & Shawn Mc Laughlin – Junior Achievement

Jane Bymark called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2009 MINUTES:

Josh Hafar made a motion to approve the November 2009 Minutes; Bobbie Kleffman seconded; motion carried.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

INTRODUCTION:

The committee members took a few minutes to introduce themselves to the group.

ACTION: No further action is needed

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PRESENTATION:

Amber Madoll & Shawn Mc Laughlin from Junior Achievement came to the committee members to talk about Junior Achievement. Junior Achievement programs help prepare young people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it, how to create jobs which make their communities and how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace. Students put these lessons into action and learn the value of contributing to their communities. Amber would like to get the Grand Rapids Area involved again in this program. Junior Achievement has different programs such as JA-in-a Day, Elementary programs, Elementary Capstone Program, Middle Grades Program, Middle & High School Grades Capstone Program and High School Programs. Amber would like the committee to please think about participating in Junior Achievement again and to please let her know your thoughts and concerns when ready. The committee members will research Junior Achievement and give their opinions and concerns if any at the Feb meeting.

ACTION: Kerry will talk with Bud about the presentation and see what the next steps are to possibly have the committee participate again in Junior Achievement again. Kerry will add this to the Feb. 2010 agenda.

UPDATES:

The committee members had many discussions and updates during this meeting. Conversations included:

- Future Workers for 2010
- CEO's in the schools
- Grand Works
- Gold Star Service Awards
- Workforce Development Grant - Letters of support were shown
- Middle School Program
- Project Read

ACTION: Sign up sheets were passed around for different projects coming up such as Future Workers on May 6th 2010. Jane encouraged as many committee members as possible to be involved in the projects that the Workforce Development committee supports.

MISSION STATEMENT FOR 2010 & GOALS:

The committee members looked at the Mission Statement and Goals for 2010. Josh Hafar made a motion to approve the 2010 Mission Statement & Goals; Connie Swanson seconded; Motion carried.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

~~COST OF EMPLOYEE TURNOVER FORUM:~~ The committee members were updated on this forum. Josh Hafar mentioned that this still is in the planning stages. This forum will be an informational program to help employers understand the cost of employee turnover. The planning committee is looking to see who can present? What resources are there to learn more? More information will be given as the forum is planned.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

~~NEXT MEETING:~~ The next meeting will be Feb. 17th 2010 at 12:00 p.m./Chamber Conference Room.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Submitted by Kerry Larsen, Membership & Tourism Coordinator