

Workforce Development - November 18th

PRESENT: Paula Frings, Sarah Copeland, Vickie Herman, Norma Ramsey, Megan, Carrie Palava, Jim Woehrle, Mary Witte, Lisa Randall, Jane Bymark, Marla Beaty, Jessica Knutson, Jim Smokrovich, Josh Hafar

STAFF: Kerry Larsen & Bud Stone

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

OCTOBER 2009 MINUTES:

Sarah Copeland made a motion to approve the October 2009 Minutes; Norma Ramsey 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

UPDATES:

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

- Future Workers for 2010
- CEO's in the schools
- Job Skills Survey
- Grand Works
- The START program
- Arrowhead Institute of Technology
- Blandin Grant
- Possible forum for employers about how to reduce employee turnover

ACTION: The meeting for the possible forum will be December 17th, 9:00 a.m. at the Chamber Conference room if any committee members want to attend. Bud & Paula will email out bullet points to the committee members to help to write a letter of support regarding the next Blandin Grant.

2010 CHAIR OF THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

The 2010 Chair and Co - Chair were announced. Jane Bymark will be the chair of the Workforce Committee and Josh Hafar will be the co-chair.

ACTION: Sarah Copeland made a motion to accept the Chair – Jane Bymark & Co – chair Josh Hafar for 2010; Lisa Randall seconded. Motion carried.

MISSION STATEMENT FOR 2010 & GOALS:

The committee went over the Mission Statement and Goals. Bud will make the changes that the committee had talked about to see what they think. Kerry will email it out to the committee members for viewing. The committee members came up with this draft. Bud will finalize the changes for the Jan meeting by email.

To accomplish the above, the WFD Committee will:

- * Provide coordination and leadership for a regional WFD Initiative
- * Develop a strategy based on stakeholder input for implementation of a regional WFD Initiative
- * Provide direct business linkage to the K-12 area school system
- * Promote and foster public policies that assist our area schools in moving toward the outcomes of a regional WFD initiative
- * Support and promote the current WFD Initiative efforts and programming of the Chambers WFD Committee

* Strive to develop additional, relevant, WFD Initiative programming

* Award up to two scholarships annually. One four-year academic, and one two-year technical, to college bound high school senior

* Recognize individual customer service excellence

ACTION: Bud will have the final 2010 Mission Statement and Goals for the Jan. 20th meeting to be approved.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Jan. 20th 2010 at 12:00 p.m./Chamber Conference Room. The committee decided unanimously to not have a December meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Submitted by Kerry Larsen, Membership & Tourism Coordinator