

**Armstrong County Manufacturing Consortium
Members & Resource Partners Meeting
Minutes
June 5, 2008**

The June 5th meeting of the Armstrong County Manufacturing Consortium was called to order by president Vickie DeThomas at 7:30 am at the PA CareerLink.

Present

Members

Vickie DeThomas - OmniTech Partners
Joanne Petras - Fuzion Technologies
Jeff Fullerton - DRS Technologies
Joe Goldcamp - Nature Blend
Pat Huth - Electro-Optics
Alex Stockmal - Mid Atlantic District Labs

Guest

Donna Liven good - Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Resource Partners

Lori Harvey - TCWIB
David English - AET
Pat Hollinger - Penn State
Justin Nolder - DPD
Marie Dillon-Griffith - CareerLink
Rich Muth - IUP Northpointe
Phil Nadiak - TCWIB
Kate Curtis - SBDC
Joe Fullerton - Lenape

Minutes

Prior meeting minutes were approved without change upon a motion by Joe Goldcamp and seconded by Vickie DeThomas.

Guest - Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Big Brothers & Big Sisters representative, Donna Livengood, gave the group detailed information on what is needed to become a mentor to the youth of this program. They currently have 12 children on the waiting list. They are starting a new Lunch Buddy Program in the fall at West Hills School. If anyone is interested in participating in becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister, please see Donna after the meeting or contact her.

Resource Partners

Justin Nolder – DPD – Justin stated that the Armtech Showcase will be August 14th, 15th & 16th. The schedule will remain the same as last year. They currently have 36 exhibitors & 46 booths; the consortium registration has been received.

Rich Muth - IUP - North Pointe stated he had nothing pertaining to the group to report.

Pat Hollinger, Penn State stated they have teamed up with Lenape to do a RFQ for the WIB training. The Flash & Project Management Training they are instructing on now is going well.

Kate Curtis - SBDC - Kate mentioned that the SBDC is really taking advantage of the internet. They created a blog so they can get feedback; it has been a very useful tool.

Marie Dillon- Griffith - Career Link – Marie gave a presentation on the CareerLink. She reviewed Labor Market Information and gave details on what a company needs to be aware of to supply your business with employees. She also covered retention strategies. She will be forwarding her Power Point Presentation to all the members for their review. She also mentioned the Veterans event on August 6th at the Belmont. It was suggested to schedule the event closer to Armtech but Marie indicated that was as close as it could be due to the set-up. She stated that the Veterans are running this program and that no other group has tried to do such an event. The tables are \$125.00 and some groups may be sharing the expense. There are 100 tables available and 5 counties participating in the event.

Lori Harvey, TCWIB, stated that on June 23rd & 24th there will be the Statewide Advanced Manufacturing Meeting in Penn State. She is looking for a team to attend with her, between 4 to 6 people. If anyone is interested, please contact her. They are also holding a mini welding summit at the same time. Lori also stated there will be new grants beginning in the fall; they will include H/R training for first line supervisors. All the members should be considering what training they need for the next grant year.

David English - AET, stated the Workforce Forum was held on Friday, April 25th from 8:00am - 3:00pm at Lenape and it was a great session. There will also be a steering committee meeting on May 14th to receive the recommendations and take them into consideration.

Old Business

Marketing

Vickie gave a marketing update on the issues currently in progress. The Video Project will be reviewed next Thursday at the Trust. The half hour radio show will begin on July 23rd. It will run once a month on a Wednesday from 1:30 to 2:00. We need a name for the program; Jeff's committee will arrange it. The radio station is 97.7 FM .

Consortium Review

Vickie also reviewed all the successes the Consortium has had since its inception. The Work Certified Program, The Leadership Program, The Marketing Video, The Safety Library, Training that consisted of \$250,000 in the past three years for training and \$300,000 in shared county training all were goals we created & were accomplished. Every company needs to decide what they can bring to the table.

Company Information

There will be an email sent out to determine what topics of interest each company has. If a company has a specific topic they would like information on, they will be spotlighted as the company that month. Everyone should be considering what they would like more information on.

The next meeting will be held on July 3rd. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am.