

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Seneca Falls Savings Bank

342 Hamilton Street, Geneva, NY 14456

Monday, September 20, 2010

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Menzo Case, Chair, Angel Cook, Patty D'Amico, Barb Delpriore, Johnny Robinson, John Mueller, Chris Edgar, Colleen Combs, Kathy Templar, Kathy Swartout, Pat Pavelsky,
Staff: Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator
Guests: Michael Woloson, Jocelyn VanGelder, Cathy Jinks, Terri Carlson, Loree Martin, Deb McGrimley, Kathy Holt

ABSENT: **Members:** Jessica Bacher, Lori Greene, Susan Acquisto, Lynn Freid, Brian Young, Peg Birmingham, Sarah Rowe

CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Case called the meeting to order at 4:05pm. Introductions of committee members and guests were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from July 2010 meeting approved. Motion to approve by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. D'Amico. All in favor. Motion carried.

YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE:

- A. Mike Woloson, FLWIB Business Services Coordinator, provided an overview of the new Youth OJT program guidelines and opportunities for local businesses. Funding has been approved for On-the-Job training for WIA eligible youth throughout the four county Finger Lakes area.
- B. Pat Gopen provided an insight into the Program Year 2009 Contract Year End Review of youth program performance. A presentation explaining the 10 Required WIA Youth Program Elements was given by Sr. Counselor Terri Carlson of Ontario County Workforce Development.
- C. Deb McGrimley of Seneca County Workforce Development provided a report of the Summer Youth Employment Programs that took place over the summer of 2010 in the four county area.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- a. **Membership Committee:** Chairperson Sarah Rowe was absent but the Membership Committee has been meeting and actively recruiting new members to fill voting member vacancies on the Youth Council. New member resolutions will be presented to the FLWIB Executive Committee in October and new members will be invited to the November 1st Youth Council meeting.
- b. **Marketing Committee;** Mr. Case requested that the Marketing Committee be tasked with the goal of developing 4 primary marketing events annually to assist and showcase youth programming. Of the four; one being developing an annual GED graduate recognition day (similar to the August 2010 GED Recognition Day at Roseland Water Park), the second being developing an Annual Business Forum where area employers would be invited to convene to provide input and acquire knowledge regarding various youth employment/training issues. The third and fourth marketing projects will be determined by need. Kathy Swartout has agreed to be on the Marketing Committee and invites so far uncommitted and new members to join with her on that committee.
- c. **Performance and Evaluation Committee:** has not recently met
- d. An **Ad Hoc Committee** was developed to address the topic of Adult Mentoring for youth, one of the 10 Required Elements of WIA Youth Programming. The Workforce Investment Act requires that, if applicable, Adult Mentoring be provided to eligible youth either directly or through a referral to another service provider's program. Members of this Ad Hoc committee include Patty D'Amico, Chair, Colleen Combs, Terri Carlson, John Mueller and Johnnie Robinson. This committee was tasked with convening prior to the next scheduled Youth Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS /DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There was considerable discussion regarding various existing mentoring programs (Big Brother/ Big Sisters, etc.) and the needs of youth. Hence the Ad Hoc Committee was formed to address the

possibility of developing or partnering with such programming. Utilizing the services of such community members as retired teachers, literacy volunteers and business owners was discussed.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ROUND TABLE:

Finger Lakes Works...with their hands event scheduled for Thursday, October 7th, all invited to volunteer or attend as a guest.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment at 5:30

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 1, 2010 in Conference Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, 41 Lewis Street, Geneva, 4:00-5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator