

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board

41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456

Monday, September 14, 2015

- ATTENDANCE:** **Members:** Eileen Rucinski, John Donahue, Michael Whirtley, Chris Edgar, Kathy Templar, John McGregor, Jennie Erdle, Amanda Johnson, Loree Martin, Melissa Stuart, Deb McGrimely
 Guests: Laura Hadley, Angel Cook
 Staff: Pat Gopen, Dinah Brennan
- ABSENT:** **Members:** Erika Martin, Reggie Walton, Betsy Russell-Orr, Patty D’Amico, Lori Parish, Brian Young, Eric Israel

CALL TO ORDER

Youth Committee Discussion –

- Ms. Gopen discussed the change from the Youth Council to the Youth Committee under WIOA. The committee is still seeking a Chair of the committee who is also on the FLWIB.

Presentation –

- Ms. Johnson gave a presentation on the Career Zone program. She provided a description and explanation as to how and why the program is beneficial to youth customers.

Youth Programs Update –

- New youth eligibility requirements worksheet was distributed to the committee.
- FLWWTH will be held on October 1st at Lott Farms in Seneca Falls. This event is a hands-on event to educate in-school youth about careers in the Skilled Trades and Advanced Manufacturing industries.
- A Soft Skills Summit will be held at Young Sommers Winery in Wayne County on Thursday, September 17th. This event is hosted by FAME, the Wayne County Business Council and the Wayne County IDA. The event will be replicated on November 6th at the FLCC Viticulture Center in Geneva.

Other –

- Ms. Stuart noted that BOCES has been helping with the PSST program and will present at the Soft Skills Summit. They have also been working with Yates County to provide the Guest Services Gold certificate program for the service industry employees and potential employees.
- Mr. Donahue noted that Penn Yan Schools have been working with the Exploring program to create clubs and groups in the skilled trades industry.
- Mr. Edgar announced that the Literacy Volunteers have hired a new program coordinator, Jeremy Hughes. The organization will be hosting their annual team scrabble tournament.
- Ms. Martin is the new Supervisor for Yates County and they are seeking to fill her previous position of Youth Counselor.
- Mr. McGregor requested more information on the PSST program. Discussion ensued.
- Mr. Whirtley noted that Seneca County will be hosting a Social Media presentation at the New York Chiropractic College on September 29th for youth and their families.
- Ms. Erdle noted that FLCC has a new women’s in leadership program.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13pm.

The next Youth Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 2nd from 4-5:00pm

Respectfully Submitted By,
Dinah Brennan, Executive Assistant