

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Finger Lakes WIB Office
41 Lewis Street, Geneva, NY 14456
Monday, January 5, 2009

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Bob Doebelin, Chair; Sarah Rowe; Zulieika Rodriguez; Barb Delpriore; Pat Pavelsky; Fabriela Rivera; Sierra Derr; Colleen Combs; Chris Edgar; Patty D'Amico; Peg Birmingham
Staff: Sherri Shoff, Youth Systems Coordinator
Guests: Terri Trickey, Loree Martin, Deb McGrimley, Kyle Farnsworth, Leslie Owens-Pelton, John Mueller

ABSENT: **Members:**, Anne Smith, Bianca Thomas, Nicole Goodwine, Susan Boyce, Victor Nelson, Alice Haskins, Bill Niver, Kevin Spillane, Maggie Herman, Brian Young, Kathy Templar

Mr. Doebelin called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked all for attending. Introductions were made. Due to a lack of a quorum, approval of the September and November minutes was held over until the next meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATION:

- a. No formal presentation scheduled for this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Ms. Rowe brought up the subject of working on trying to find some funding for offerings for some life skills classes for our youth. She and Ms. Trickey have seen an increased need for these types of offerings. It was decided that the Revenue Streams sub-committee would meet in the near future to discuss grants and other funding possibilities.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. **"Finger Lakes Works...with their hands!"** The planning committee has met and has decided that due to the downturn in the economy the event for 2009 will continue to be a one day event.
- b. **P&E:** The main focus of this committee is to prepare and review the RFP (Requests for Proposal) for funding the WIA Youth Programs for next year. Ms. Shoff has not heard from the State as to dates for the RFP but it can be expected in February/March.
- c. **Marketing/Website:** The WIB has reconvened the Website committee and will be looking at doing some upgrades and revamps. Ms. Birmingham indicated that many things can be put in a word document and simply added to the site. Ms. Shoff reminded the group that there is a great slide show from the October Skilled Trades day on the site. In addition the Youth sub-committee will take a look at the site when they meet on 2/2/09 and also will look at the Chemung/Schuyler/Steuben Workforce site for some ideas.
- d. **Youth Focus Group:** The youth continue to meet on the "off" months to work on a variety of issues. In December the group discussed some small business ideas. The follow-up is a field trip to Herb Haven which is a small business run by women. Ms. D'Amico will make the arrangements for this trip and all the counties are encouraged to bring their out-of school youth. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2009 at 5pm at the Geneva Library. All are welcome.
- e. **Revenue Streams:** A meeting of the committee will be convened in the very near future to look at some other sources of funding for some of the projects that the youth would like to pursue. Ms. Birmingham would like to assist with this effort if the funding can be secured for system wide projects. Ms. Birmingham stated that many times there is a sense that the population in the southern part of Seneca County is shortchanged.
- f. **Membership:** Ms. Shoff handed out a list of the most recent membership. (updated list is now attached to the minutes!) Kyle Farnsworth, Youth from Seneca County and John Mueller, Owner of Willow Bend Farms and private-sector WIB member will be appointed by the full WIB at their January meeting. Ms. D'amico requested the most up-to-date list of committee membership.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. 3rd Annual Technology, Food and Agricultural Career Day: **April 7, 2009!** Ms. Pavelsky indicated that to date 11 schools with 162 students have already registered to attend event. Ms. Shoff asked the Youth Council to consider volunteering for the day as it is a very worthwhile event. A formal volunteer request will be forthcoming. The planning committee includes Mr. Young, Ms. Shoff, Ms. Pavelsky as well as David DeMallie who is an intern working with Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- b. There will be an Internship Information Open House held at the Geneva One-Stop Career Center on 1/7/09 from 4-6pm. This is geared to college students who are home on vacation and may need help in securing an Internship for the summer but anyone is welcome to attend.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 2, 2009 at 5:00pm, Meeting Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherri L Shoff
Youth Systems Coordinator