

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Geneva Public Library 244 Main Street, Geneva, NY 14456
Monday, July 12, 2010

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Menzo Case, Chair, Angel Cook, Patty D'Amico, Sarah Rowe, Barb Delpriore, Johnny Robinson, John Mueller, Jessica Bacher
Staff: Pat Gopen, Youth Systems
Guests: Hans DeBruyn, Karen Springmeier, Lindsay Harris, Terri Carlson,
ABSENT: **Members:** Lori Greene, Susan Acquisto, Chris Edgar, Colleen Combs, Lynn Freid
Brian Young, Peg Birmingham, Cathy Swartout, Pat Pavelsky, Kathy Templar

CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Case called the meeting to order at 4:05pm. Welcome to Guest Speaker Han DeBruyn

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from May '10 meeting approved with correction to organization name; American Red Cross **in** the Finger Lakes- Motion to approve by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. D'Amico. All in favor. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATION: Hans DeBruyn, Regional Technical Assistance Coordinator ACT for Youth, and of the University of Rochester Adolescent Medicine Research Group, spoke to the committee regarding the philosophy of PYD (Positive Youth Development) resources and research. Mr. DeBruyn, formerly an engineer, described his career change as "Going from Nuts and Bolts to Heart and Soul." He delivered a presentation entitled Engaging the Business Community in Positive Youth Development, and addressed such practices as needs and asset mapping, youth participation and presenting the benefits of youth development to business. Hans also highlighted a youth entrepreneur program called Biz Kid\$ that has been successful in Monroe County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Chairperson Menzo Case expressed the goal of enriching Youth Council function by first convening the Membership subcommittee with the task of filling vacancies with the required membership representation. The Membership subcommittee is also tasked with reviewing member attendance and term limits. Mr. Case wants to bring renewed focus on developing the participation of the YC youth members once they are in place.
- b. Mr. Case also expressed continued interest in developing communication with the local business community regarding its needs and suggestions for providing youth with the tools to become valuable employees. There was discussion about needs and asset mapping, youth participation, the idea of having a youth members 'pre-meeting', meeting time and location factoring and engaging youth in soliciting feedback from local employers.

UPDATE ON YOUTH PROGRAMS

Ms. Gopen reported on the continued success of the contractors' Individual Youth Training Account enrollment which has surpassed goals and is providing disengaged youth with job skills training and certification in healthcare and skilled trades demand occupations. Ms. Carlson reported on the scaled-down Summer Youth Employment Program that is putting approximately 140 disadvantaged youth to work this summer across the four-county area.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. The Membership subcommittee will meet prior to our September YC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment at 5:30

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 13, 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