

**YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Seneca Falls Savings Bank

342 Hamilton Street, Geneva, NY 14456

Monday, November 1, 2010

**ATTENDANCE:** **Members:** Menzo Case, Chair, Angel Cook, Peg Birmingham, Beth Thomas, Lynn Freid, Patty D'Amico, Jocelyn VanGelder, Johnny Robinson, Jessica Bacher, Sarah Rowe, John Mueller, Chris Edgar, Colleen Combs, Kathy Swartout  
**Staff:** Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator  
**Guests:** Sonia Frederick, Karen Beals, Terri Carlson, Loree Martin, Kathy Holt

**ABSENT:** **Members:** Kathy Templar, Lori Greene, Susan Acquisto, Brian Young, Barb Delpriore, Pat Pavelsky, Cortni Palmer

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from September 2010 meeting approved. Motion to approve by Mr. Mueller, seconded by Mr. Robinson. All in favor. Motion carried.

**YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE:**

- A. Meeting attendees viewed a slideshow of the October 7 **Finger Lakes Works...with their hands!** event held at the Lott Farm in Seneca Falls. 523 Finger Lakes youth from 23 school districts attended the well-received, 5<sup>th</sup> annual skilled trades and advanced manufacturing event
- B. Updates were provided on WIA youth programs for Individual Training Accounts (short-term training such as Medical Assistant, Certified Nursing Assistant, etc.) and youth On-The-Job training.

**SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- a. **Membership Committee:** Chairperson Sarah Rowe was provided an update on Membership Committee activity. The sub-committee welcomed new member Beth Thomas from the Victor Central School District representing Pupil Services, Jocelyn VanGelder from Wayne County representing as One-Stop Manager, and Cortni Palmer (absent) representing youth membership. Additionally guests Sonia Frederick, Karen Beals and Kathy Holt are considering joining the Youth Council. The sub-committee continues to recruit for the remaining vacancies in the Juvenile Justice and Public Housing areas. Any new member resolutions will be presented to the FLWIB Executive Committee in December and new members will be invited to the January 10, 2011 Youth Council meeting.
- b. **Marketing Committee;** Mr. Case initiated various marketing event suggestions and considerable discussion took place. Peg Birmingham and Kathy Swartout have agreed to be on the Marketing Committee and invite so far uncommitted and new members to join with them on that committee. The Marketing Committee has been tasked with the goal of developing 3- 4 primary marketing events annually to assist and showcase youth programming. Of those; 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 some type of 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/ fourth marketing projects will be determined by need. There was considerable discussion about joining with the Seneca County Youth group youth members for input and activities, including but not limited to such events as Chamber Of Commerce gatherings.
- c. **Performance and Evaluation Committee:** This committee will review the existing RFP and begin development of the new RFP in January, 2011.
- d. The **Ad Hoc /Adult Mentoring Committee** has been meeting to develop a Mentoring Proposal, to address one of the 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 have determined that this service area could be better developed and are researching area service providers and options. The Ad Hoc committee presented the Youth Council with

a preliminary proposal and continue to meet to work on issues that have arisen concerning the implementation of such a program or proposal.

**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:**

Various upcoming events were announced by council members

**ADJOURNMENT:** Adjournment at 5:00

**NEXT MEETING:** \*Monday, January 10\*, 2011 in Conference Room B, Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, 41 Lewis Street, Geneva, 4:00-5:00pm.

\*please note change in regular meeting date due to New Years Eve holiday.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator