

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

- ATTENDANCE:** **Members:** Menzo Case, Chair, Brandon Mead, Brian Young, Barb Delpriore, Angel Cook, Patty D'Amico, Jocelyn VanGelder, Kathy Templar, Johnny Robinson, Karen Beals, John Mueller, Chris Edgar, Colleen Combs, Kathy Swartout
Staff: Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator
Guests: Loree Martin, Cathy Jinks, Deb McGrimley, Linda Cunningham, Felicia Clemmons, Curtis Tarver
- ABSENT:** **Members:** Pat Pavelski, Sonia Frederick, Jessica Bacher, Peg Birmingham, Beth Thomas, Lynn Freid, Sarah Rowe, Lori Greene, Susan Acquisto, 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 November 2010 meeting approved. Motion to approve by Mr. Mueller, seconded by Mr. Robinson. All in favor. Motion carried.

YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE:

- A. Linda Cunningham, Finger Lakes Internship Program Coordinator, gave the Youth Council an update on the successful program and a brief overview of students who are currently looking for internships. Linda has interviewed and referenced 18 student applicants and secured 10 internship opportunities with area employers since joining the FLWIB in November. Of those 18 students, 5 have been selected for internship positions. Employers who have recently hired interns include Optigolf, Clear Momentum and Gorham Tax Service.
- B. Angel Cook, Workforce Programs Specialist 3 for the NYSDOL read her December 2010 Youth 2009-2010 Program Review letter which reported that the LWIA was found to be compliant with the rules and regulations for the provision of services, eligibility documentation for the programs and LWIA monitoring activities.
- C. Meeting attendees viewed the student-made video 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, 5th annual skilled trades and advanced manufacturing event
- D. Youth Council youth member Brandon Mead made a surprise visit to speak to the Youth Council about his current college experience as a Freshman student at Alfred State College, where he is in the Welding Program. Brandon brought examples of the metal working projects he has been involved with, and the entire committee was impressed with his determination and academic success.
- E. Updates were provided on WIA youth programs for Individual Training Accounts (short-term training) and youth On-The-Job training. Pat Gopen reported that there are considerable funds allocated for these youth programs and that there is concern that not enough youth are benefitting from them. Brian Young stated that there are efforts being made by the youth staff to develop beneficial new training opportunities and discussion followed regarding barriers such as transportation. Suggestions of busing, Dial-a-ride etc followed. Johnny Robinson of FLACRA mentioned that they have vans that transport clients from all 4 counties, Pat Gopen to contact FLACRA about the possible partnership.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- a. **Membership Committee:** The Council enjoyed seeing photos of Membership Committee Chairperson Sarah Rowe's beautiful new twin daughters! In Sarah's absence there was no update on Membership Committee activity except for the continued need for Youth Council members representing the Juvenile Justice and Public Housing populations. The Youth Council welcomed new member Karen Beals.
- b. **Marketing Committee:** This committee has not met since our last YC meeting.

- c. **Performance and Evaluation Committee:** This committee has reviewed the existing RFP as well as RochesterWorks and CSS's and has begun development of the new RFP in January, 2011.
- d. The **Ad Hoc /Adult Mentoring Committee** has made their recommendations to the Council and attention to mentoring services will be reviewed by the Performance and Evaluation Committee in the incoming 2011-2013 WIA Youth Program proposals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS /DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2011-2013 WIA Youth Program RFP will be released on 2/15/2011

UPCOMING EVENTS/ROUND TABLE:

Various upcoming events were announced by council members
Youth Counselors and Pat Gopen will be attending the NYATEP Annual Youth Academy Conference in Albany from March 7-9.
Success for Geneva's Children general membership meeting 2/16/11

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment at 5:00

NEXT MEETING: *Monday, March 14, 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 NYATEP Youth Academy

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Gopen, Youth Systems Coordinator