**Butler County Manufacturing Consortium**

**Meeting Minutes: October 16, 2020**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Present:**

Phil Anderson, Butler Technologies

Chuck Bertolini, Schmidt Technology

Allison Emsurak, CMC

Rich Zolinas, DuCo Ceramics

Tiffany Unger, Penn United

Sharon Menchyk, Bowles Rice

Jill McMeekin, IDL

Tammy Mysliwiecs, Pine Electronics

Jackie Bott, CID Associates

Mary Salony, TCWIB

Sue Bowser, PA CareerLink/Career TRACK

Adina Luppe, PA CareerLink

Pat Hollinger, Penn State-New Ken

Marcie Barlow, CDC

Michaele Pavelek, OVR

Vince Karabin, State Parole

Kathy Strobel, BC3

Dianne McGaffic, Midwestern IU

**Welcome**- Phil welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1:30 PM. Member introductions were made.

**Minutes**- Members reviewed the previous minutes. No changes were made.

**Treasury Report**- The current treasury balance is $2,756.90.

**Speaker -** Sue Bowser from the PA CareerLink, discussed PA CareerLink Services during the COVID-19 pandemic. The PA CareerLink is serving clients virtually and by appointment. A security guard was hired to answer questions, screen people with appointments for COVID, and for security. Business services was also discussed such as recruitment, on-the-job training, employer resources, incumbent worker training, disability services, tax credits, etc.

**BCMC Government Advocacy Committee** – The Committee did meet. Phil asked for volunteers to serve on a Policy Committee with MBA. Mary will send out an email asking all of the members who from their organization would like to be part of the group.

**Co-Chair** – Phil mentioned that Debbie Walker got a new job in California and is not available to be a Co-Chair. Another co-chair is really needed. Please let Mary or Phil know if you are interested.

**Future of the Consortium –** Phil asked for a few people to volunteer to discuss ideas for the consortium. People should contact Phil or Mary.

**Updates** – Kathy mentioned that WEDnet funding is still available. In addition, there was a class of empowerment students who received basic manufacturing skills training as a pilot within the county. It is hoped that there will be more opportunities in the future for partnerships. Manufacturers still have part of the workforce working from home. Overall, business has been good.

**Next Meeting**- Phil thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting is tentatively set virtually for November 20, 2020 at 1 PM.

The meeting was concluded at 2:20 PM.

Submitted by Mary Salony