

Helena JSEC Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2011

Members Present:

Tina Whitaker	lia Sophia
Cathy Wood	Student Assistance Foundation
Robert Ward	Enterprise Holdings
Alan Thompson	U of M Helena, College of Technology
Chris Beebe	Shodair Children's Hospital
Sandy Hamlin	Helena Job Service
Dave Laber	Helena Job Service

Introductions: Everyone knew each other, so Tina passed on introductions.

Minutes: Tina commented that we had a good turnout for the 'Outstanding Employer Awards' last month. Chris noted that Shodair received a note from the Governor congratulating them on winning the award. Minutes for December were approved as written.

Treasurer Report: Robert reported that the JSEC account has a balance of \$5,999.56. He issued a check for \$50.00 for flower. JSEC purchases a bouquet for Jim Nys's annual Christmas party as a thank you for being our primary event to raise funds. Dave said that Jim appreciates the flowers.

Tina ask if there were any expenses coming up. Dave would like to renew the National SHRM Membership that JSEC provides Job Service. The \$180.00 for that is due in January.

Hidden Agenda: Sandy had available some discs from the Registered Apprenticeship and Training Program through the Department of Labor, plus a copy of their website. Apprenticeship is not just your usual construction trades but includes about 150 different occupations. In today's economy apprenticeship is a good deal. She handed out discs to those interested, and said she can get more if anyone else would like a copy.

Alan talked about some of the decisions the Scholarship Committee has made. They would like to get the material posted electronically right after January. Also, instead of driving packets to the schools, they will call and let the school counselors know that the application material is online. The application will have a due date in March. Cathy mentioned that she e-mailed two out-of-town packets last year because that is how they wanted to receive them. Chris ask if the material was on other websites that advertise scholarships. Sandy said that it was on MCIS (Montana Career Information System). Alan wanted to make sure the online application was the 2012 edition. Tina will get her list of school counselors to Tom and Sandy.

Tina questioned Chris about the Shodair seniors at their facility. She felt they would fit in well with the criteria for this scholarship. Chris said the Scholarship Committee can distribute the information for Shodair students to pjewel@shodair.org She should be alerted to pull records within our service area only.

On November 23, 2011, the representative from Boeing met with UM-Helena's Dean to look at the machine tooling facilities and curriculum. Alan provided him with a flyer explaining JSEC, plus a list of members. He was invited to join.

A lively discussion concluded the meeting.