



Executive Committee

Tuesday September 1, 2020, 3:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Tom Baldrige, John Biemiller, Jean Martin, Jodi Pace, G. David Sload and Jill Sebest Welch

Finance Member not present Tom Cislo

Staff and Contractors: Valerie Hatfield, Rae Miller, Cathy Rychalsky, Attorney Todd Truntz and Judy Wechter

Welcome and Request for Public Comment

Dave Sload called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. and requested public comment before roll call.

Finance and Executive Committee Meeting minutes from August 4, 2020

John Biemiller moved to accept the Finance and Executive Committee meeting minutes of August 4, 2020. Jill Sebest Welch seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Action Items

- **Approve renewal of New York Wired for Education contract**

After discussion and on motion duly made by John Biemiller and seconded Jodi Pace, it is:

RESOLVED, that approval of the New York Wired for Education contract is hereby recommended to the full Board.

(Motion carried unanimously.)

This program allows the LCWDB to provide access to over 11,000 courses. Skillup™ Lancaster County provides over 5,500 courses to anyone in the county. This allows businesses and workers to upscale their skills. Wednesday, Cathy Rychalsky has a meeting with the Lancaster County Commissioners' to talk about an initiative with CARE funding.

Valerie Hatfield reported that local school districts are using this with customized programming to build student skills.

Discussion Items

- Brainstorm Workforce Summit
 - John Biemiller said the PA Economic Conference is doing five lunch time sessions on different topics. He suggested including a session on detailing

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what is happening in the workforce since many local companies are still looking for employees.

- Cathy Rychalsky said that given the time we are living in and that the work world looks different, it may be valuable to bring in a big name speaker who can show the business and education communities their value to the community as a whole.
- Jean Martin mentioned that it may be hard for educators to participate in sessions on sequential dates.
- G. David Sload mentioned the Mural platform for breakout sessions.
- Jodi Pace mentioned keeping the program shorter rather than longer; she suggested two to two and a half hours. Klaxoon is the interactive learning tools that her company uses. Jodi suggested focusing on how business and education can utilize virtual media in a better and cost-effective ways.
- Jill Sebest Welch said these are crazy times. Business and education are struggling with how they are going to start business/education again. Jill liked the idea of using a new platform, involving Pedro Rivera and addressing connectivity.
- Valerie Hatfield suggested asking Career Ready Lancaster team for input.
- Dave Sload suggested the theme, Overcoming the Great Pause. No one likes the term “new normal.”
- Cathy Rychalsky suggested scheduling in February.
- LCWDB Engagement
 - Cathy Rychalsky noted that the strategic plan requires engaged members.
 - Cathy would like to “volentold” members to committees. Dave Sload agreed that every member should serve on a committee.
- PA CareerLink Update
 - Cathy asked the Commonwealth if they are having conversations on allowing customers to return to the PA CareerLinks®. The Commonwealth is not greenlighting this, and there is no estimate of a time in the future.
 - EDSI has hired staff to assist walkups coming to the PA CareerLink® Lancaster County and support the completion of UC collection forms. Judy Wechter reported that 45-52 people come each week with UC issues, but the number of walkups for other services is increasing. PA CareerLink® Lancaster County has compiled over 1,000 packets to address the Rapid Response services virtually.
- New Building
 - Dave Sload asked about the building permit for the new space. Cathy Rychalsky reported it was obtained last week. She said the paving process should be completed in about six weeks. Summer to fall is the current estimate for completion of the project. A groundbreaking ceremony is in the planning stage.

The meeting concluded at 4:21 p.m.