



ACT General Membership Meeting Minutes September 5, 2007

Members present:

David Beasley, Palmer Electric
Mike Bell, Clancy & Theys
J.R. Blair, Tri-City Electric
Lori Blake, ABC
Bruce Chabotte, APG Electric
Bert Fonseld, Skanska USA Building
Mike Friener, Bright Future
Jamie Fugate, F.E.A.T.
Jeff Jones, Welbro Building Corp.
George Kania, Tri-City Electric
Sarah Kelly, Wayne Automatic
Charles Kern, Osceola Public Schools
Harvey Levine, OCPS
Kevin McNealy, Brevard Community College
Mary Jane Mueller, MAF/CF/MFT Apprenticeship
Joe Oldakowski, SCPS
Keith Sommer, Pyramid Masonry
Robert Vaughn, Palmer Electric
Jim Wilkins, FAST/Wiginton Fire
David Yates, S.I. Goldman
Don Young, Osceola Public Schools
Nancy Merced, ACT

Handouts available to all attendees:

- Agenda
- August 1, 2007, ACT Membership Meeting Minutes
- August 29, 2007, ACT Board of Directors/Trustees Meeting Minutes (Directors and Trustees only)
- ACT Financials dated 9/4/07
- 2007-2008 School calendars for each school district
- ACT 2008 Elections

Call to Order – George Kania

Introductions

August 1, 2007, Minutes – approved and seconded
August 29, 2007 – minutes approved by Keith and George

Financial Reports – Reviewed by David Beasley. A/R Centex – David Beasley will call; Florida Rock – Keith talked with Charles Wallin and will follow up again; Jeff Jones will call Rinker (bought Cemex).

Profit/Loss – explained numbers reflect when received money from schools. When we begin using the accrual method, these funds will be correctly reported.

Executive Director's Report – Nancy Merced

Explained reason for revising the student packets. All students in the trade classes will be given student packets for their completion.

Nancy noted the school calendars that are in today's handouts.

Spencer D. Clark scholarship – all except one have been awarded. Rick Hervey's son won and Nancy will contact him.

Harvey Levine offered information to ACT about a \$125,000.00 grant (reference August 29, 2007). Have to file intention to participate by September 13 and submit response to grant by September 27. There will be one awardee and matching funds are necessary. Very detailed and specific timelines. Harvey noted the requirement on the front page saying the program receiving the grant must have a minimum of 1,000 students participating in the program. Among all three school districts, we don't have enough students. Joe Oldakowski will call the Department of Education contact about the number of students to determine whether or not to proceed with writing the grant. Nancy will reply to intent to reply.

County School Reports

OCPS – Programs are going through interesting times. Westside has 24 students and Mid FL Tech has five electrical students. Alloted money is based on the number of students and Orange County is looking at large deficits. Some schools will consider swapping students next week. – Harvey Levine

Osceola – Numbers increased in high schools and decreased in the adult program. Charles will follow up with Rick Hervey's replacement. – Charles Kern

Seminole – Fire Sprinkler, Electrical and Carpentry – all increased! Things are looking good. Total now is 76 and with possibly achieve 80.

Old Business Update

Golf Tournament – Gave information from August 29 meeting minutes.

Marketing – Kevin Corrado was absent. David Beasley explained purpose of the committee and the status of the mailer. Students begin scheduling for August 2008 in February or March 2008.

2008 Election – George Kania distributed 2008 elections handout from Pat Walker will send email next week asking for feed back and will add how to respond to request.

Rick Hervey recognition – Charles described Rick and his enthusiasm for this program.

New Business

Plumbing Apprenticeship – **John Martin**. Registered under new DBA (Plumbing Industry Professional Education (PIPE)). After initial billings, SCC will take over. A separate checking out account will be established. The Executive Committee Chairman is Stan Brown and they selected the Executive Committee. 54 registered last Wednesday and more will register tonight. First night of school was last night. They're working out the details of the LOI with SCC since SCC didn't like it. They expect approximately 70 students. Lori gave a check to Nancy from ABC for \$30,000.00. ACT will setup a separate account but first have to establish a fictitious name.

David Beasley will call Mike Cornelius to see if he talked with Mike Sasso. Keith offered Pat McLaughlin, MAF, who offered to help ACT.

John believes ACT will receive new members from the PIPE employers. Nancy gave ACT information to each committee member.

Stan will meet tomorrow with Rob Grisar regarding the Standards.

Joe Oldakowski hopes to open a plumbing program next year in Seminole County.

ACT Breakfast – Last year the breakfast was held January 10, 2007, at the Citrus Club. Suggested 2008 date is January 9. Nancy will check other venues in the area before deciding on the date and location.

Jim Wilkins – FAST wants to put money toward two scholarships (\$500 each). FAST will put requirements together and Jim will get back with ACT.

David Beasley – Electrical Council of Florida (ECF) Outreach Committee is having a goal setting lunch on September 27. ECF donated \$500 and gave it to high school students who completed the ACT program and or completed four years with FEAT. Is this working? It costs \$9,500 to do this. Jamie Fugate responded that it grabs people attention when presented and she doesn't know if the word gets back at school. TECO has six new electrical students due to this! Seminole's numbers increased. OCPS suggested presenting this cash at the school awards program. Charles Kern, Osceola County, brought a student on stage at their awards ceremony for maximum impact.

Jim Wilkins – When ACT goes into a classroom, how long do we have to present? Nancy responded five to 10 minutes. Jim suggested video taping awarding the money and project it behind Nancy when she's presenting in classrooms.

Thanks to Winter Park Construction for refreshments!

Upcoming refreshments offered by:

October - WELBRO

November - ABC

Next meeting – Wednesday, November 3, 2007, 4 p.m.

Adjournment