



December 17, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Introduction & Opening:

The December meeting was held at Honors Hall. Barry Brittain opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

Member companies present were: Alamo Worksource, Cemex, Checks In The Mail, Coleman, CTTC, Comal ISD, Detex, Edisto, EH Systems, Fedex, Frost Bank, Great American Products, Hawkins Personnel, ITM, NB Chamber, NB Herald-Zeitung, NBU, Objective Maintenance, Priority Personnel, and Star Manufacturing.

Guests present were: Ben & Karen Price (JBPrice) and Bryan Murphy (NB Machine)

Officer Reports:

Paul provided an update on the finances.

Barry mentioned that we need volunteers/nominees for 2009 officers. January is the annual business meeting with election of new officers. If you are interested in being an officer, contact Barry, Paul or Al.

Committee Reports:

Brochure: Erin has finished the brochure and has printed copies. A copy has also been posted on the website www.nbmfg.org.

Career Day: The career day was a great success. There were interested students in manufacturing jobs and local companies. We will do it again.

Scholarship: The last two applicants have been approved.

Featured Program:

Doug Toney from the Herald-Zeitung spoke about the needs assessment survey and results. In 2002, the United Way determined that there needed to be a way to measure what is needed in the community. The study was completed in the fall of 2008. The full results of the study can be found at www.uwcomal.org. Some interesting things from the survey are:

1. ½ of Comal county is not regulated for water
2. Quality of water is being threatened by growth.
3. There is a growing need for affordable home repair, especially in lower-income neighborhoods.
4. 1 in20 residents are foreign born (66% from Mexico, 8% Germany)
5. By 2020 the population is expected to be 122,000 (15% increase)
6. By 2040 over 50% of the population will not be employed (over 65 and under 18) and will use the majority of the health care.
7. There is an increasing need for assisted living and housing
8. Comal residents showed a higher than normal rating that alcohol abuse is not a serious issue. This seems to tie into a higher rate of family violence, especially in the rural county areas.
9. Transportation is the greatest impediment for lower-income and underprivileged to attain education, employment and health care.
10. 85% of teenagers 1st sexual encounters occur between 3 and 7 pm. Also 52% of teenagers have 1 hour or less of physical activity per week. These points for a need for a non-secular approach for after school programs that can be supervised and structured. The programs need to work on character and work ethics, promote values. The county needs a new model of community cooperation to create a viable after school program, including adequate transportation.

These are some of the highlights from the survey. Read the full survey to see other interesting facts and needs for the community as it grows.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20 at 11:45 a.m. at Honors Hall. This will be the annual business meeting and officer elections for 2009.

Respectfully submitted:

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