**Society for Human Resource Management**

**Berks County Chapter #179**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**October 14, 2014**

The 4th general meeting of the Berks County SHRM Chapter for the 2014-15 program year was held on October 14, 2014 at the Green Valley Country Club. Marguerite Kline, President, called the meeting to order at 7:36 AM.

Chuck Holder introduced the meeting sponsor, Mark B. Small, M.S. from Verified Background Services, LLC.

**Financial Report** – September beginning balance was $7,934.74 with an ending balance of $8,562.12. Total expenses for the month totaled $1,662.62.

Marguerite introduced the following guests attending the meeting:

* Junior Bernard
* Zykia Glover
* Stella Tobias
* Anthony Norris
* Ed Prichard
* Brian Maletto
* Meriah McKosky

**New Members:**

Marguerite introduced the following new members:

* Julie Laum from Surgical Specialties Corp.
* Nicole Goss from Enersys

**Upcoming events and announcements:**

The following members recently passed their HRCI Certification exams:

* Jeanne Wentzel, PHR
* Carolyn Weidenhammer, PHR
* Ramona Wolf, SPHR
* Kathy Dale, PHR
* Beth Shartle, PHR

The Greater Reading Chamber’s HR Summit is scheduled for Friday, November 14th at the Crowne Plaza Reading. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

The next BCTV Program will air on Tuesday, November 11th and will be focused on diversity. HRCI credits (up to 5 per year on the honor system) can be obtained by watching archived episodes of the BCTV program.

CareerLink is hosting a Job Fair at the former JC Penney store at the Fairgrounds Square Mall on Wednesday, October 15th.

**Committee Updates:**

Engagement (Bob O.) – Bob provided a brief update regarding new member contact initiatives.

Student Chapters (Beth Barrett) - Beth announced that the Alvernia chapter is hosting a pet food drive to benefit the Animal Rescue League. Everyone was encouraged to bring a pet food item to the November meeting.

Sponsorship/Community Relations (Chuck Holder) - Chuck provided an update on the pending chapter newsletter. Debbie Ramsey updated the group on the upcoming PAL “Feed a Friend” Dinner scheduled for December 4th.

Legislative (Whitney Rahman) - Whitney provided an update on legislation impacting federal contractors.

Diversity (Steve Pradon) - Steve announced that the diversity committee will next meet on November 24th.

**New Business:**

An update on the new SHRM Certification program was provided.

**Program –** Dr. Raquel O. Yiengst on the topic of Diversity.

Next Meeting – November 11, 2014 at 7:30 AM at the Green Valley Country Club. The topic will be Health Care Issues presented by Kim Nash. The program will be eligible for 1 HRCI Credit.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shane J. Keller, Secretary