**Society for Human Resource Management**

**Berks County Chapter #179**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**December 9, 2014**

The 6th general meeting of the Berks County SHRM Chapter for the 2014-15 program year was held on December 9, 2014 at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. Marguerite Kline, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

Marguerite welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Financial Report** – The financial report was provided to the membership.

Marguerite introduced the following guests attending the meeting:

* Jim Surgeoner
* Linda Klingaman
* Ryan Henderson
* Nanditha Sentilvel

**Upcoming events and announcements:**

The PAL dinner was held on December 4th. Reading Health System provided the food for the event. Everyone had a great time, participated in some crafts, and had a visit with Santa Claus. Pictures will be available at the next meeting for those interested in reviewing pictures from the event.

Bob O. reported on his recent trip to Dallas where he learned additional information on the forthcoming SHRM Certification process. The HRCI is still out there; however, the SHRM Certification is becoming operational. The SHRM test appears to be a challenging test. The Board will be making a decision soon on which certification will be supported by the chapter, with the member’s survey responses driving this decision.

**Committee Updates:**

Membership & Hospitality (Bill Gage)

* Awilda Herrera with Appeeling Fruit
* Penny Lau with Lau and Associates
* Jennifer Frasso with Liberty Environmental
* Cathyann Price with Schneider Electric

Those in attendance received their SHRM mug and pen.

Engagement (Bob O.) – No report.

Student Chapters (Beth Barrett) - No report.

Sponsorship/Community Relations (Chuck Holder) - No report.

Legislative (Whitney Rahman) - Whitney provided information on EEOC, Title 7 transgender and a recent genetic decision.

Diversity (Steve Pradon) - No report.

**Program –** Dr. Diana Sorrentino presenting “Workplace Violence Prevention & High Risk Termination Management”

Next Meeting – January 13, 2015 at 7:30 AM at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. The topic will be “The HR Office as a Financial Resource: Implementing College Savings as a Voluntary Benefit” presented by the PA Department of Treasury. This is preapproved for 1 hour HRCI credit.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shane J. Keller, Secretary